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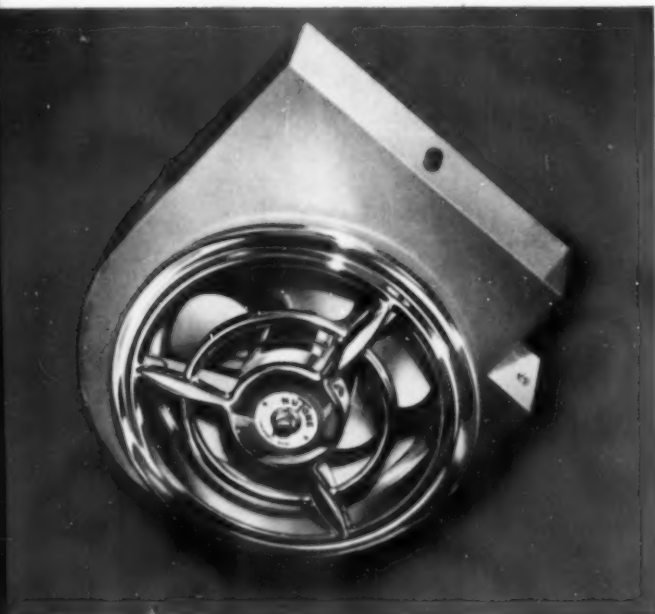
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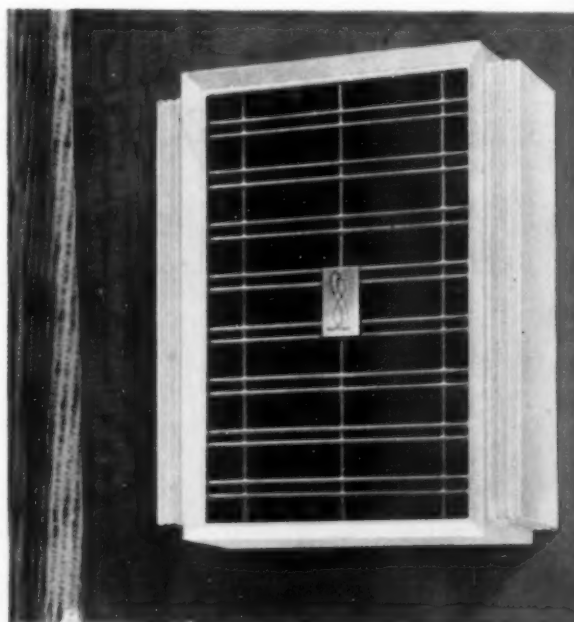
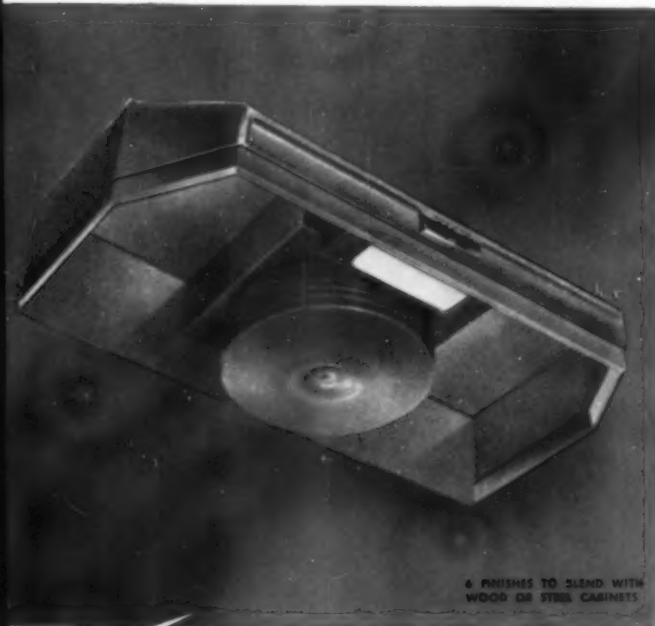
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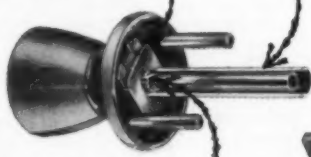


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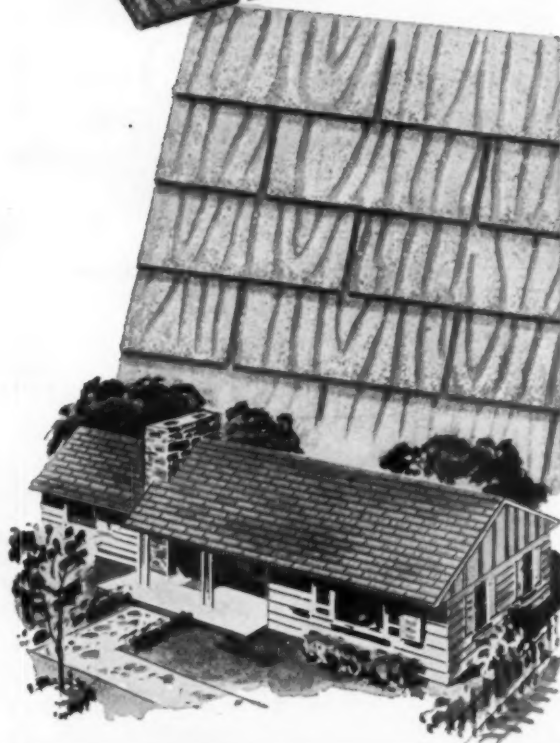
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The Opportunity Page

(Keynote page of the AMERICAN BUILDER, which is opportunity cover to cover, advertising and editorial)

Light for living

Another "adequate wiring" program is under way. This one is being conducted by the American Home Lighting Institute, Inc., which recently announced new standards for minimum quality home lighting. Builders who install adequate lighting will be eligible for a Light for Living award certificate. This will be given on receipt of a certifying letter from the local electric utility stating that the builder has followed the AHLI standards. Copies of the standards are available from American Home Lighting Institute, 360 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1, Ill.

Prefabs meet the test

Prefabs can withstand hurricane force winds, according to the August issue of PF—the Magazine of Prefabrication. The publication reports that Hurricane Audrey, which hit the Louisiana coast in June with 120-mile-per-hour winds, wrecked thousands of homes in the Lake Charles area, but did no structural damage to 2,275 prefabricated houses erected by one building firm. C. R. Grein, vice president and general manager of the Southern Construction Corp., is quoted as saying that not a single one of the prefabricated houses erected by his company "suffered as much as five cents worth of structural damage although many adjacent homes were total losses. The only damage . . . was the roofing, which was broken in some instances by the hurricane force. . . ."

Opportunity in reading

New editions of two helpful booklets are now available. The new Housing Almanac, published by the NAHB, includes 1957 legislation, sections devoted to industry trends and economics and housing statistics. It can be purchased through local NAHB affiliates. The second revised publication is "221, Relocation Housing," published by the Housing and Home Finance Agency. Write: Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Price: 5¢ or \$3 per 100 copies.

NHW: big idea gets bigger



Once again AMERICAN BUILDER is proud to present its annual coverage of National Home Week—the housing industry's biggest selling opportunity. We think our late editor, Ed Gavin, who conceived the idea of National Home Week in 1947—and for which the National Assn. of Home Builders awarded him a

plaque—would be grateful to see just how big that opportunity has become in the past decade. This year's parades were not only bigger in number than in any previous year, but bigger in the number of saleable houses in each parade. That was the finding of our editors who traveled to every section of the country to report to you what is being done to keep home building one of the nation's leading industries. This top-notch opportunity to learn what the latest trends are begins on page 61. And, next month AMERICAN BUILDER will again present the National Home Week award-winning houses, together with the builders who won awards for best merchandising the "hidden values" in their homes.

What the women want

In connection with AMERICAN BUILDER's report on NHW trends, it's interesting to note that the women who attended McCall's Congress on Better Living asked for many features builders included in NHW houses. Next month, AMERICAN BUILDER will bring you a complete report on the Congress so that you can make the most of the opportunity to find out what the typical American family wants and needs in its new home.

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Birchwood Park kitchen features Textolite postformed counters and "Mix-or-Match" color styling. Fabricators: Formed Laminates, Inc.

Textolite® postformed counters strong sales feature in 2,600-home project!

General Electric postformed counters eliminate dirt-catching seams; add functional design and beauty.

Mr. Morris Sosnow, builder of mammoth Birchwood Park in Jericho, New York, knows that the sale of a home can be decided in the kitchen. That's why he specified Textolite postformed surfacing on kitchen counters in all his homes.

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General Electric Textolite postformed surfacing eliminates dirt-catching corners; its no-drip lip edge keeps liquids off the floor. The surfacing resists stains and scratches; cleans with a swish. And, with over 80 attractive patterns and colors, Textolite offers the extra advantage of "Mix-or-Match" color styling.

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Combination desk-and-work counter in Birchwood Park kitchen shows "Mix-or-Match" program at work. Textolite surface matches General Electric appliances perfectly. Only Textolite offers the colors and patterns that make a "Mix-or-Match" program possible.

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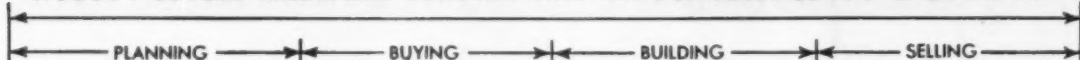
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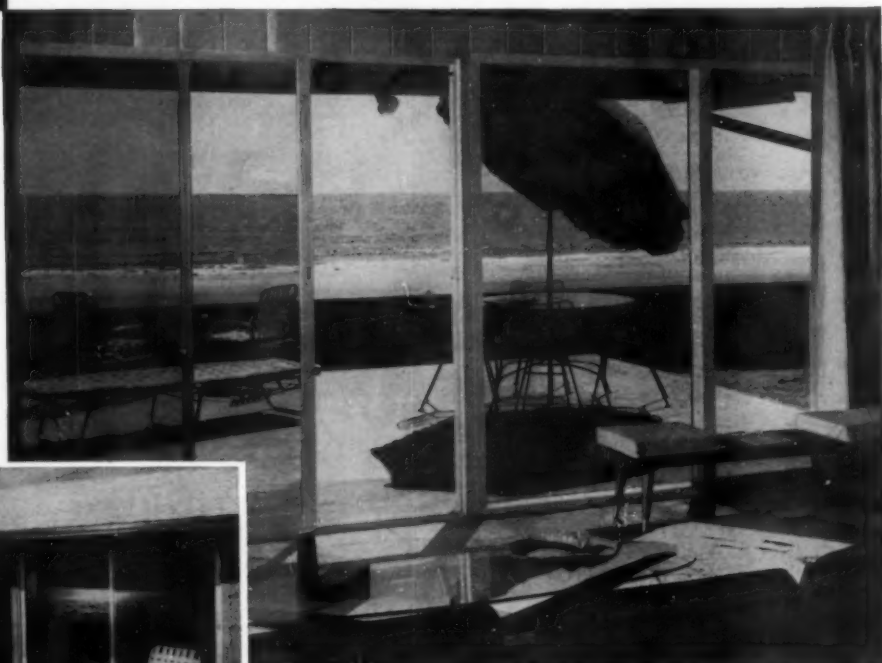
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"American LUSTRAGRAY
has added to the living pleasure
of my home, and I am convinced that
this glare reducing glass will make
new houses more saleable"

—says Nick Campanelli, president of Campanelli Bros., Inc., Framingham, Mass., New England's largest builder of quality homes. Nick's new summer residence pictured here is in Green Harbor, Mass.

Right—Photo from interior. Open space between sliding glass doors shows sun glare. LUSTRAGRAY glazing reduces glare, sharpens view.



Left—Photo from exterior shows attractive reflections, indicating that LUSTRAGRAY sheet glass is dark enough to afford exterior privacy.

What Builder Nick Campanelli says about AMERICAN LUSTRAGRAY will work for you, too! This neutral gray tint sheet glass appeals to home owners because it reduces glare 50%, eliminating eyestrain and fatigue . . . reduces significant amount of heat transmitted . . . gives exterior privacy with interior "clear glass" vision.

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More on merchandising survey (August issue)

Sirs: Merchandising, advertising, and sales promotion are no doubt a very necessary part of today's building program. They are necessary because a great many of our architects and manufacturers are in the process of trying to sell the public a product which they really don't want. This, I suppose, is progress.

We feel that the great majority of your featured homes in the AMERICAN BUILDER are homes that people really don't want. They are being sold to many, many people we know. A lot of these purchasers have been caught up in a tide of fad and sales promotion.

After some very serious thought, aren't they cold? Aren't they uncomfortable? Aren't they very mechanical? Aren't they full of argument? And do they belong on our beautiful landscape . . . ?

—Donald B. Kooker, president
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—Lewis F. Kahle
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ture, family room, built-ins, etc. and make my houses so desirable, they virtually sell themselves.

—H. E. Mason
Harrisonburg, Va.

Sirs: Most high-pressure promotions are a sales hindrance because people feel they are being taken. —Builder, Oregon

Sirs: We take *good* photographs of two models each year and enter them in local AIA design contests. The awards we always get give us much free publicity; photos of, and stories about, our prize winners appear in local papers and national magazines—all *free*.

—Edmund J. Bennett
Bennett Construction Co.
Bethesda, Md.

House vs. automobile

Sirs: I would like to see someone point out in an article the lasting value of a house as compared to the quickly depreciating value of an automobile and their comparative costs. A house is so much better an investment. I know the average

buyer thinks house costs are too high. They should be informed as to the lasting value.

—Robert D. Kemp
Takoma Park, Md.

Building codes too lax?

Sirs: Something should be done to encourage builders to erect more house for the money. Not just cheaper and cheaper workmanship and materials. There should be a law requiring an architect's seal on every house plan that is built. Building codes are too lax.

—F. R. S. Sellers, engineer
Cullen Construction Co.
Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Two-story house: \$1,180

Sirs: In 1914 we built a seven-room, two-story house with full basement, drilled well, and large soft-water cistern for \$1,180 (we owned the lot). The price of a house like that today would run from \$7,500 to \$8,000. Wages then were \$30 for a ten-hour day; now they're \$26 for an eight-hour day.

—Charles E. Renner
Akron, Ohio



"I told him that one hadn't been broken in yet."
(By Virgil Partch—Courtesy Pomona Tile Mfg. Co.)

An Actual Case History

"Where did the water come from?" asked the harassed owner. All winter water had been actually dripping from the rafters and roof-boards in the insulated attic of the new wing of her fine New England home. Things stored in the attic, even inside trunks, became wet and mildewed. Windows downstairs were often wet.

The wetness had persisted even during long spells of dry weather, which ruled out a leaky roof and rain as a cause.

We hunted for vapor. The floor in the crawl space underneath the wing seemed dry. The bulky insulating material, with an asphalt-impregnated paper facing the ground, which had been installed between the floor joists in the crawl space, also seemed dry. There were no leaky pipes.

The two occupants were professional people, away most of the day. Use of the laundry, kitchen, etc. was minimal. All combustion, vapor-forming appliances were properly vented.

"What should we do?" the owner asked.

THE SOLUTION

It was proposed that scientific multiple aluminum insulation (which is long and continuous and has almost zero vapor permeability,) be installed beneath the floor joists along the entire crawl space, and that ventilation be provided to the crawl space.

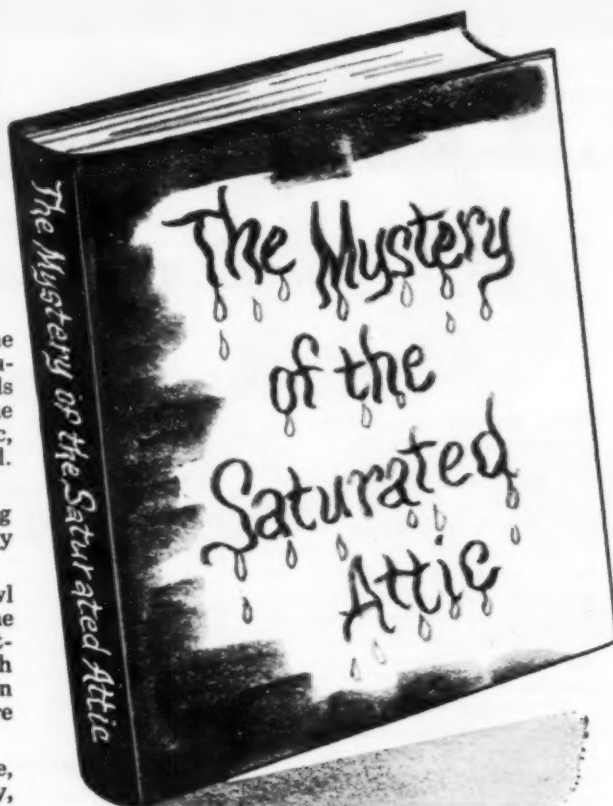
The results were magical. In a short time the attic was dry, the downstairs windows clear.

"WHO DUNNIT"

This indicated that the source of the trouble had been a flow of water vapor, (which is a gas) from the seemingly dry ground, through the asphalt paper and other materials between the joists to the room above, where some of it condensed on the cold window panes. Also a flow thru wall stud spaces, past the ceiling, and finally into the cold attic where it also condensed.

The ground under some buildings gives off as much as 96 lbs. of vapor a day per 1,000 sq. ft. It is invisible and harmless, until it condenses.

Two excellent publications are almost indispensable for those interested in problems of condensation and heat and vapor flow. One is an official study of the control of condensation in crawl spaces, with special reference to the effect of aluminum insulation, based on National Bureau of Standards tests. It is the National Housing Agency's "Technical Bul-



letin No 38." The other is "Heat Flow by Radiation in Buildings, Simplified Physics," by Alexander Schwartz. He discusses theoretical, practical, and commercial phases of the subject in highly readable style, in a profusely illustrated pamphlet. Both may be obtained by checking the coupon.

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TYPE 5	C.081=4"	C.034=9¾"	10¢ sq. ft.
TYPE 6	C.068=4¾"	C.034=9¾"	11¢ sq. ft.
TYPE 9	C.043=7¾"	C.029=11¼"	16¢ sq. ft.

Types 1, 7, 8 also available

*Determined by method of National Bureau of Standards in N.H.F.A. Research Paper 32.

†Calculated on basis of limiting thermal values cited in Fed. Specs. LLL-1-321b; HH-1-585; HH-1-521c; HH-1-551a.

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SMALL TALK

NEW ENGLAND IN FLORIDA

Here's a new twist to retirement housing which could develop into a national trend. Town & Country Homes of Boston are going to subdivide a 90,000-acre tract at Port Charlotte, Fla., so that all buyers from the New England area may live together as a group if they wish.

NEW CABINET POST?

A cabinet post of "urban affairs" has been suggested in the highway and housing planning fields. Carl Feiss, former chief of planning and engineering of the Urban Renewal Administration, also called for the "amalgamation" of Federal highway and urban renewal forces.

MORE LEGISLATION

When Congress reconvenes in January, realtors will be pushing for enactment of legislation to encourage real estate investment trusts; for a bill to aid the self-employed in building up retirement funds; and for tax relief to be applied to involuntary sales of real estate brought about by the highway program, urban renewal and similar actions. NAREB also reports that the Senate Housing Subcommittee has indicated it will conduct hearings on proposals to extend Section 221 FHA insurance to additional groups such as middle-income and the elderly.

OUR GROWING CITIES

The trend of most large cities to annex more and more outlying communities continues. According to the International City Managers Assn.'s 1957 municipal year book, 1956 saw more territory annexation than in any year since World War II. Houston led the way, adding 188 square miles, one of the largest annexations in American history.

HOW DOES 1958 SHAPE UP? Will it be a good year for home builders; or will it be a repeat of 1957? **AMERICAN BUILDER** presents a comprehensive forecast of what to expect beginning on page 57. Optimistic predictions come from members of the industry. For example, David O'D. Kennedy, president, Kentile, Inc., reports that a minimum of 3.5 million families are making future plans to build their own homes. He based his figures on a recent survey which showed that seven per cent of the nation's families were already taking steps to move into new or existing homes. At the same time, economist Robinson Newcomb, reports that the housing outlook is improving because of recent intensified efforts by builders to produce better houses without raising prices. He estimated that the nation could absorb an output of 1,200,000 new homes per year.

AVAILABILITY OF MONEY AGAIN will be one of the factors determining the health of the home-building market. Indications are that the money situation should be much improved over that of 1957. Here's why "those-in-the-know" are optimistic. Early in September, investors flooded the Treasury with demands for its new 12-year, 4% bond. Actually, requests were nine times over the \$500 million offered. This suggests that the supply of investment money was more plentiful than had been thought. Another good omen is the increase in FHA appraisal requests during July and August. (See *Pulse of Building*, October issue.) At the same time, Harold Braman, executive manager, National Savings & Loan League, predicted the housing industry could look for a "moderately increasing supply" of mortgage credit, due to decreased activity in other fields.

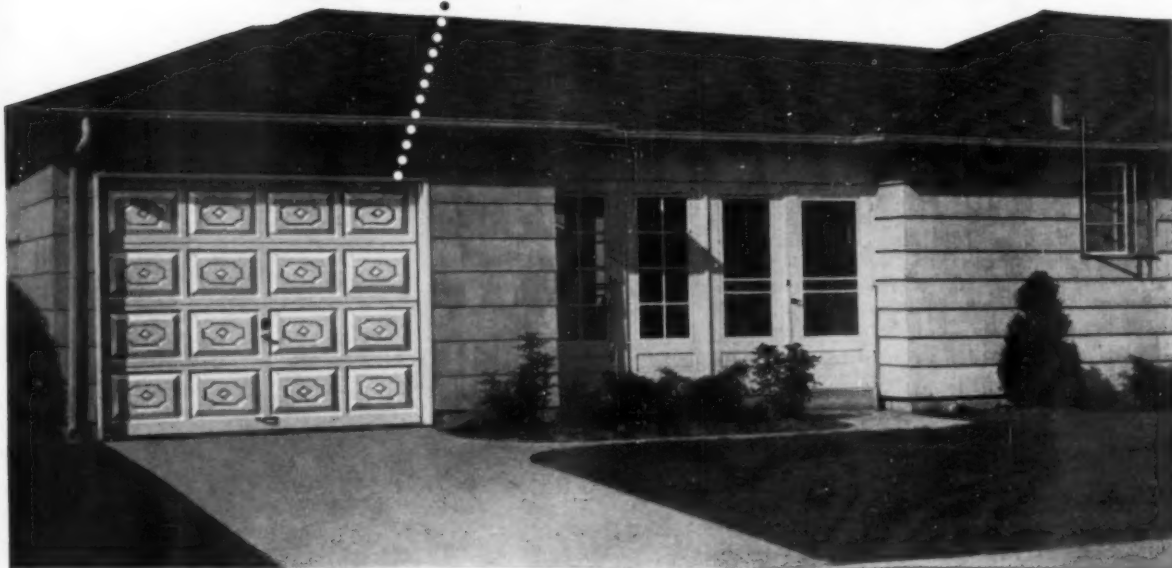
WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

—such as water and sanitary facilities—is another big question mark for 1958. The problem has been growing larger each year as communities sprang up outside city limits. (See **AMERICAN BUILDER**, May 1957.) Donald L. Huber, board chairman of the Hasbrook Construction Co., Arlington, Ill., has come up with what looks like a possible solution—a state or federal agency to guarantee funds for municipal improvements in rapidly expanding communities. This kind of agency, he said, would be like the FHA, in that it would insure or guarantee funds borrowed by cities for the needed facilities.

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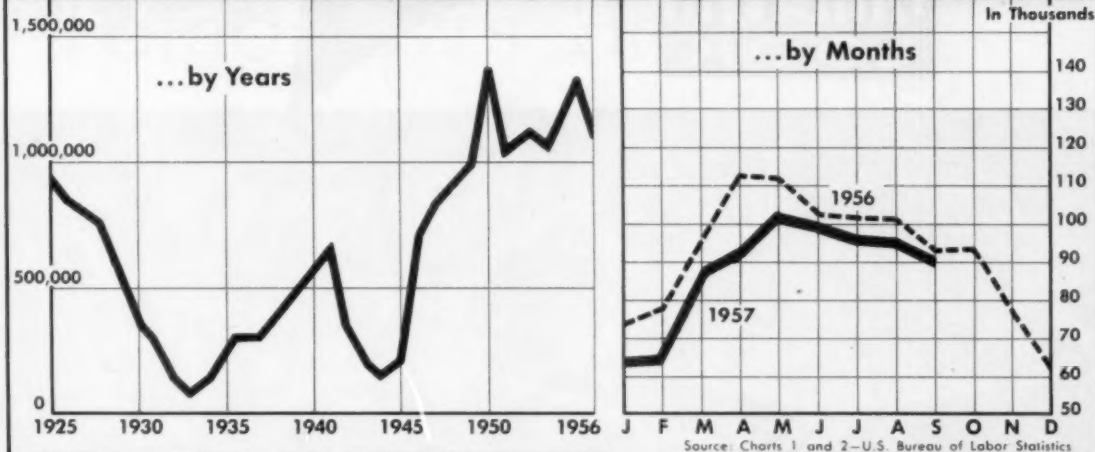
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Pulse of Building

HOUSING STARTS...



Interpretations:

The recent sideways movement in construction shows signs of continuing for a while. New home building shows no new indications of special strength or weakness. The decline in housing starts over the year had narrowed from 16% early in 1957 to 10% by the end of September—but principally because housing activity was substantially lower during the last half of 1956 than during the first half. Total contract awards have stabilized at about 1956 levels, comparing data for the first eight months.

15 LEADING HOME BUILDING AREAS

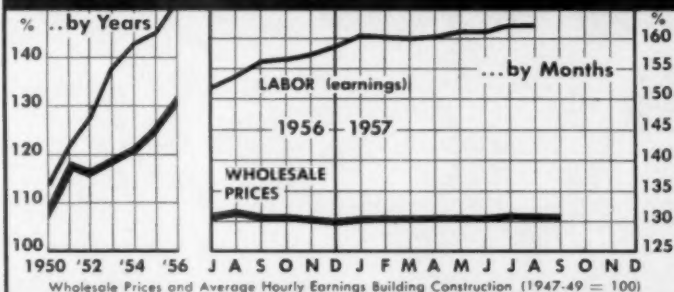
Dwelling units in Metropolitan areas during the first six months of 1957. (BLS)*

	Units	% Change Jan.-June 1956-57
Los Angeles	45,342	-9
New York	29,888	-28
Chicago	22,842	-19
Detroit	12,398	-30
Miami	10,088	+12
Philadelphia	9,650	-35
San Francisco	9,117	-26
San Diego	8,098	+26
Baltimore	7,946	+24
Washington	6,890	-26
Cleveland	5,698	-11
Phoenix	5,320	+23
Milwaukee	4,658	-4
Denver	4,072	-21
Atlanta	4,051	-23

* Based on building permit reports and of estimate of units started in non-permit issuing parts of these areas.

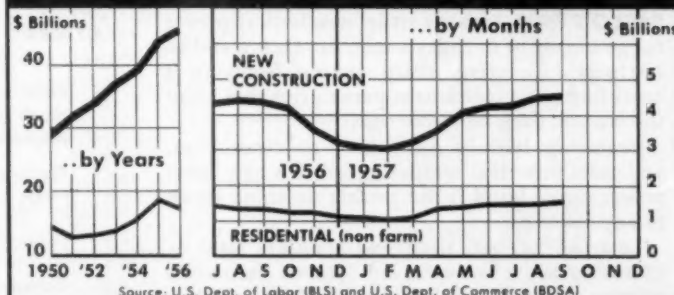
1 SEPTEMBER'S 90,000 STARTS, although 5,000 below August, represented a 1,020,000 seasonally adjusted annual rate. This was the fifth consecutive month that the seasonally adjusted rate was over 1,000,000.

BUILDING COSTS...



2 ANOTHER DIP in building materials prices in September, from the July peak, mainly reflected declines for lumber. After rising in July, hourly earnings levelled off in August at 162.5.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY...



3 SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, gains since spring in private residential work contrast with a general decline in industrial and store building. Total new construction in September held at \$4.6 billion.

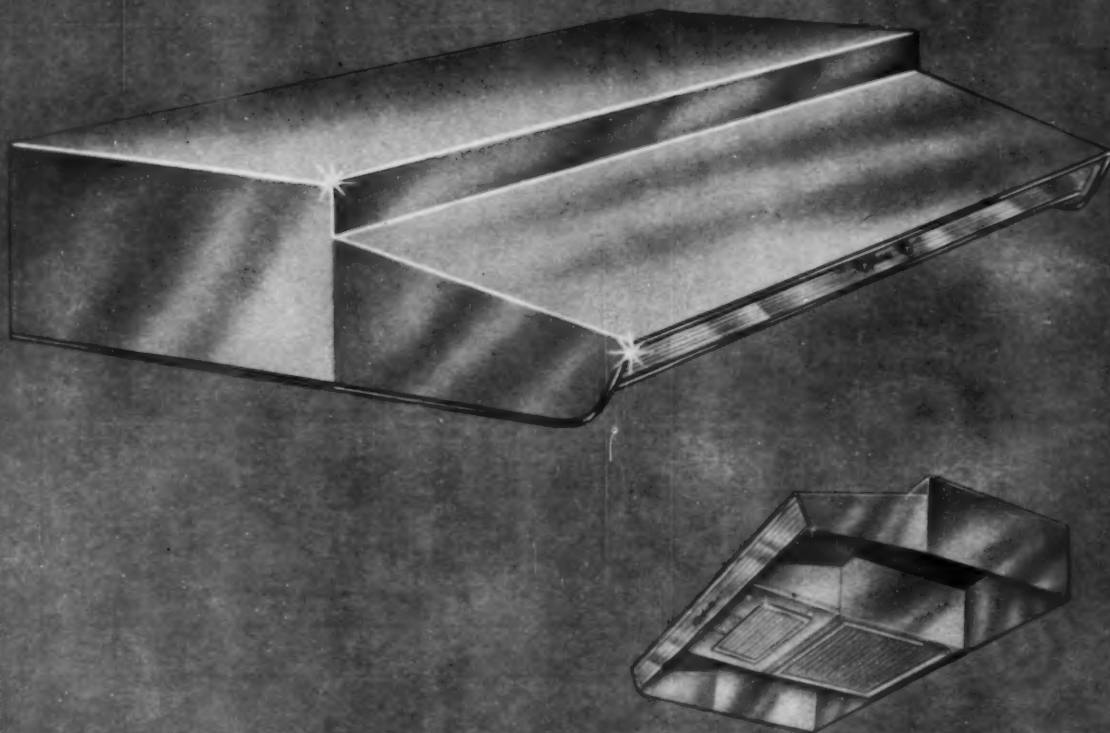
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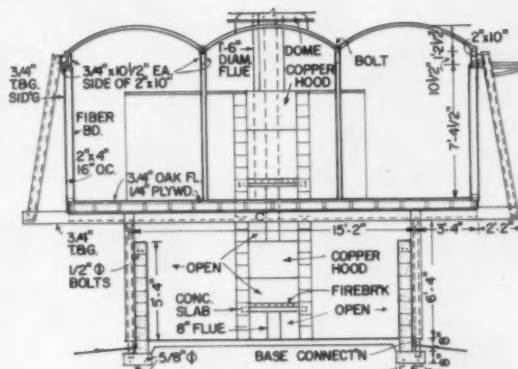
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Tomorrow's House



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Plywood arches: the shape of roofs to come?

This one does triple duty in Florida

This gently curving arched roof has not shown up on the project house as yet, but it may. Increasing numbers of one-design homes have made good use of the principal within the past five years, in both the South and North. And why not? It is architecturally pleasing, provided the design fits the setting, and structurally it is not only sound, but economical. It serves three purposes.

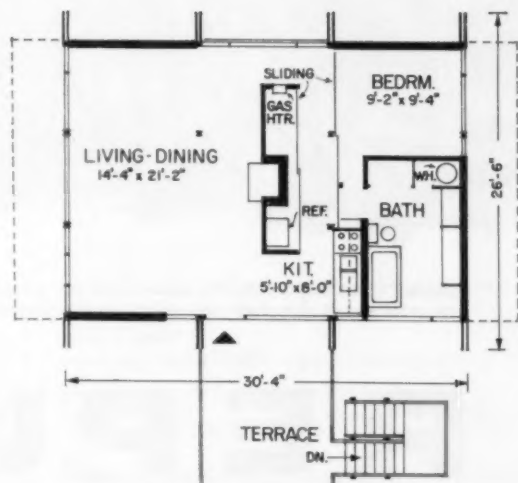
First, it creates for the home a design which is truly distinctive.

Second, the plywood used for the arches serves unretouched as the ceiling—one which relieves the eye with its unconfining change from a dead-flat surface.

Third, it serves as roof deck for finished built-up roof.

Builders are aware, of course, of the strength imparted to a roof made of arched plywood. Beyond this, however, the design permits elimination of rafters or trusses, and allows post and beam construction, which, in turn, permits complete room planning freedom.

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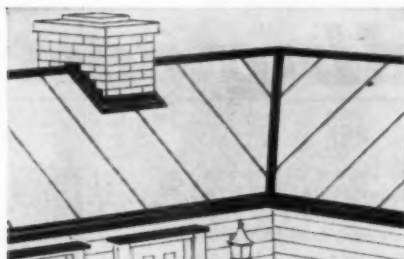
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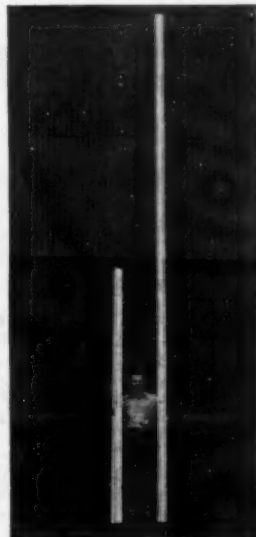


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Creeping inflation: higher home costs reflect national headache



Despite the admitted need for lower-cost housing (See *AMERICAN BUILDER*, June 1957) the trend of the national economy is against it. Creeping inflation—which has hit the consumer's pocketbook in everything that he buys—has had the same effect on the new home he is hoping to purchase. It is possible for builders to cut costs by putting up smaller houses with less of the extras that most buyers are demanding. But, there would be a very limited market for these so-called "stripped" models. A few builders have kept their costs down by developing a "building system." (See "He's got the secret of cost-cutting," October.) But, on the whole, most builders are being swept along in the inflationary tide.

Results of an *AMERICAN BUILDER* survey show that "tight and expensive money" wasn't and isn't the only factor in the slowed-down market for new homes. Higher prices (caused in a good part by many rounds of wage increases; caused by higher prices of building materials; and caused by higher land costs) can take the blame for a great percentage of the drop in starts this year.

As George F. Panuska, co-manager, Private Homes, Inc., Rapid City, S.D., points out: "Higher costs, whether labor or materials, reflect the higher sales price. The higher sales price reduces the number of qualifying potential buyers unless their incomes increase proportionately. A market further reduced by higher costs naturally reduces our volume."

Buyers can't accumulate surplus funds

Fred T. Hafendorfer, Louisville, Ky., is another builder who blames the slow-down in building operations on higher costs. In addition, he notes that "the high cost of living prevents accumulation of surplus funds for purchasers."

J. D. Gillenwaters, Springfield, Mo., reports his company is moving into the higher priced field—\$20,000 to \$50,000—because, "wages have increased approximately ten per cent in the past year. The labor situation is slightly unsettled as we operate in an unorganized residential building area. Heating, plumbing and electrical costs have increased by a larger percentage. Material prices have remained fairly constant. At present, our major problem is finding ground for development purposes at a reasonable price. High-priced ground with strict sub-division requirements make ground cost factors too high for lower-priced houses."

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Why home prices keep rising, continued

An upstate New York builder wired: "Higher wages and material costs have resulted in decreased volume of private building work; public work is not affected. Restrictions and featherbedding are our greatest problem and result in severe increase in costs."

One of the most often expressed complaints from builders over the past months has been that the FHA does not give realistic appraisals.

According to Clifford L. Swan, Portland, Me., "Higher wages this year and increased cost of materials have raised the cost of the minimum four-room house by five per cent. FHA appraisals have not recognized these increases. The necessity of the asking price being more than appraisal does not allow

low FHA terms available to purchasers."

Higher wages and prices, in themselves, are not the only trouble spots. In some areas, the scarcity of skilled labor, lack of land and its high cost, and financing are still the "thorniest problems."

From the Colorado Springs area, for example, Charles M. Searle reports: "The big problem here is the shortage of skilled labor combined with the high transportation costs to this 'remote area.' Our costs are up 5% over last year; 10% over 1955."

A combination of all these factors worries Phoenix builder, John C. Hall, who reports:

"Certainly higher wages present a problem in attempting to control

price increases. . . . Every product which goes into a house has labor costs attributed to the cost of that product. Our only chance to keep down large cost increases is to increase labor productivity at a rate comparable to wage increases. Although labor problems in our area have not been too great, it is definitely an element to be considered in our cost picture. Our biggest cost problem, however, and one which for the last two years has caused us the greatest amount of trouble is the discount cost of mortgage money."

A roundup of reports from other builders indicates that to some degree or other financing charges continue to give them most worry.

"Costs of materials have not

DICKERMAN'S COLUMN . . .

Why credit machinery needs overhauling

by John M. Dickerman, Executive Director, National Assn. of Home Builders

The nation's banking, credit, and financing structure has demonstrated serious weaknesses which urgently require remedy. The present stringency of the mortgage-money market and the outlook for the future—the latter in terms of the supply of mortgage investments funds and the housing requirements of a rapidly growing population—highlight this fact.



Dickerman

The weaknesses primarily are the result of the obsolescence of financing and credit machinery which was perfectly adequate in its time for the job it was designed to do, but which has not been improved sufficiently to keep pace with the changing and growing requirements of our nation. The sweeping changes that have taken place in home financing, which were set out in this space last month, are only one facet of the evolution which has taken place in the financial world since the turn of the century.

The importance of bringing new order into the mechanism for resi-

dential home construction is, of course, apparent to every home builder. Yet this cannot be done intelligently without an understanding of the Federal Reserve System which occupies a dominant position in our nation's money and credit structure and whose actions and policies influence every area of finance.

How the system changed

The system was established in 1913 primarily to assist commercial bank operations in the extension of short term credit. It was intended to provide an "elastic" currency based on rediscounted commercial paper. It has done this task well.

However, while it still exercises control over these banks through the rediscount rate and reserve requirements, and its open market operations, both the nature and the scope of the system's operations and the operations of the commercial banks have changed vastly over the years. Furthermore, there has been the emergence and growth of other types of financing institutions over whom the Federal Reserve has no direct control, but which its actions influence. Here is what has happened:

Federal Reserve System: The April 1957 Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Bulletin underscored the change in concept that has taken place in the system since 1913 when it noted that the dominant objective now is "keeping the price level stable, maintaining full employment of labor and resources and promoting economic growth." This is a far cry from the original objective.

The change, which has evolved over a period of years, had an earlier manifestation in the Banking Act of 1935. This act reorganized the Federal Reserve Board and strengthened its open-market operations—the buying and selling of Government securities for the purpose of easing or tightening credit. Although the Federal Reserve still operates primarily in the field of short-term credit, its stature is such that its policy decisions—as well as its open-market operations—give it important authority in the capital, or long-term, markets.

Commercial Banks: In the 44-year history of the Federal Reserve System, the commercial banks have increased their loans and investments outstanding from \$17 billion
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gone up very much. Labor is up some. The cost of money is a retarding factor; i.e., high interest rates, discounts and loan fees. Also, buyers are demanding more and more quality and extras, thus driving up the total cost."—Dale Fair, Jr., Wichita, Kan.

"Building operations off at least 60%. Mortgage discounts and construction money costs main factor."—M. L. Bartling, Knoxville.

"No difficulty from high wages or labor problems in this area. Greatest drawback . . . is lack of liquid assets of prospective purchasers for down payment."—Miles Strickland, Houston.

"We build open shop and have no particular labor problems except increased wages. We have had a good market this year since we have been able to hold prices because of other economies. Increased credit requirements for qualifying purchasers have cost us many sales."—Edward R. Carr, Washington, D. C.

One answer received by AMERICAN BUILDER bears out reports that it has been the large-volume builder rather than the small builder who has been most hurt.

Wood McArthur of Little Rock reports: "As a custom builder of ten to fourteen houses per year, the overall high cost of material and building sites has given me trouble, but not to the point of cutting my building program."

Just how and when the nation's inflationary spiral will end is anybody's guess. The country's ablest economists aren't making any predictions as costs keep edging up.

As Arthur Christiansen, president, Utah HBA, summed it up: "Home building costs are up and steadily rising due to increased wages, material costs, financing charges. There is no indication of a feasible way to stop this spiral."

Certainly costs and wages will have to go down before builders can satisfy the need for new low-cost "saleable" housing.

Detroit builder, Rodney Lockwood, who believes that increased wages and higher costs have contributed in a considerable measure to a decrease in demand for new homes stated:

"Lower wage costs would mean lower prices for new homes and would mean that less down-payment would be required. . . ."

► Meet the builder

QUESTION: What is your principal winter-building problem and how do you meet it?



◀ **W. D. Coffman, Minneapolis:** We "close in" and house against winter weather by using pre-cut wall sections and roof trusses so as to erect our exterior walls and roof more quickly, making inside work possible in cold weather.

Carl E. Bennett, Minneapolis: ▶ Because of frost, we must anticipate the number of foundations early in the fall, excavate and put in footings cover until ready for block foundations.



◀ **Andy Place, South Bend:** In that we build only slab homes, our main problem is placing concrete during freezing weather. We pour 30 to 60 slabs before freezeup to carry us through until spring.



Robert E. Schleicher, Gary, Ind.: ▶ Unpoetic poetry: Frozen ground and surface frost extremely raise a builder's cost.



◀ **Gentry Davis, Omaha:** We start a group of houses in late Sept. and early Oct., completing all outside work. Inside work is done during severe weather. In January and February we begin more homes, starting with the inside work.



YOUR SOUNDING BOARD: Let American Builder know what problem you'd like discussed.

Private loan insurance plan proves big success

When the Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Co. of Milwaukee went into competition with the FHA early this year (see *AMERICAN BUILDER*, April) it hoped, in a modest way, to revitalize interest of savings and loan associations, banks and insurance companies in home loans.

Fantastic as it may seem, so much interest has been shown in the company's plan that it is looking forward to an insurance busi-

ness next year which should involve more than \$500 million in residential mortgage loans.

Briefly, the company offers a residential mortgage insurance plan that protects lenders against losses. Besides having rates that compare with FHA ($\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the loan for the first year and $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the principal balance for each succeeding year) the company insures loans at any interest rate the lender and borrower agree on.

Mortgage lenders are showing a constantly increasing interest in the plan, according to Max H. Karl, the company's board chairman.

"It was a little slow at first, trying to explain our program," he admits. "But things have picked up considerably of late."

After only five months of operation, 28 Milwaukee area savings and loan associations (about half the total) and one upstate bank were using the plan. In the Apr. 1-Sept. 1 period, the company insured a total of \$8.5 million in mortgage loans in Wisconsin. This total is increasing at the rate of

about \$2 million per month, he reported.

"By the end of the year," Karl stated, "we expect to have interested banks and mortgage loan departments of insurance companies as well. That, with private lenders, should push the rate of business to insurance of about \$4 million . . . per month. At that rate, roughly, we should insure about \$50 million of mortgage loans in Wisconsin next year."

Although the company has been licensed only in Wisconsin, a license to operate in Illinois is imminent. Other approval "in the near future" seems assured in Ohio, Minn., District of Columbia, Va., Md., and Ariz., Karl stated.

Applications are also pending in Colo., Mo., Ky. and Mass., while others will be filed "shortly" in Mich., Ind. and N.J.

The company has projected mortgage statistics in the states where it may be licensed shortly, and Karl feels "our 1958 business will involve insurance of about \$500 million in mortgage loans."

LUMBER DEALERS . . .

How dealer-producer cooperation pays off

by H. R. Northup, Exec. Vice Pres., National Retail Lumber Dealers Assn.

If the experience of retail lumber dealers is a good criterion, home builders can expect helpful results from the list of suggestions they recently made to the manufacturers of building products, as reported by *AMERICAN BUILDER*. (See October.)

Some six years ago, a committee of dealers and producers held a frank and outspoken discussion of ways in which manufacturers could improve their promotional tools. This was intended to help dealers sell more of their products. There also was some discussion of what dealers could do to help manufacturers get better results from their advertising inquiries, but that is another story.

The dealers made an imposing list of suggestions to the manufacturers, just as the builders have done. I am happy so say that much

good came from those suggestions. Quite a bit of time elapsed, to be sure, before noticeable results came to light. But gradually the fruit of that meeting has begun to ripen.

Specifically, the dealers asked the producers for better point-of-sale display material, better advertising mats, better product information, better direct mail pieces, and more help in training dealers' salesmen. Later we also asked for a tie-in with our merchandising calendar. Excellent progress has been made on each request.

Right now, NRLDA and a group of leading manufacturers are developing an ambitious program of sales training which, if adopted, promises to bring forth a new and exciting type of training that should outperform any previous effort.

Manufacturers' adoption of the NRLDA display panel, which is a feature of the 1958 sales builder store at our Philadelphia exposition, is an impressive answer to

dealers' requests for better point-of-sale display. It took three years for the idea really to catch on, but at least fifteen larger manufacturers already have display panel kits for use in dealers' stores and others are following suit.

The building-products dealer data book was developed in response to our urgent request for better product information and sales facts to help our employees do a better brand of selling. Almost all of the larger producers provided data sheets tailored to the specification set forth by the dealers.

In addition, most manufacturers promptly improved the quality of their advertising mats and began to follow dealers' suggestions as to the nature of their direct mail materials. Many have also adopted the basic principles of our merchandising calendar. All in all, it has been a most encouraging experience, and we sincerely hope the home builders have an equally good experience with their suggestions.



Northup

How to sell a house a day: build for growing families

The slow-up in home sales has put some builders out of business; others have expanded operations by giving the buyers the "extras" they want at prices they can afford.

E. J. Burke & Sons, builders of a 200-block of homes in Highland Hills, San Antonio, Tex., have the formula for saleable houses—family-planned homes for growing families.

The result is that in the first 60

days that the houses were open for inspection, 61 were sold.

According to Bob Billa, sales manager for Burke, "Buyers are selling themselves. They tell us these new family-planned homes offer them the most house for the least money—compared to any other homes in the city."

The three-bedroom houses, which have from 950 to 1,250 sq. ft. of floor space, are built on extra large

lots and are selling from \$10,000 to \$10,500.

Other factors that account for Burke's phenomenal success—especially in today's market—is that the homes are one block from schools, close to an 11-acre park, and the tract is on the southeastern side of San Antonio, which has excellent drainage.

The houses can be bought under the new FHA terms, but veterans have even more attractive terms available to them. Burke has GI loan financing on a limited number of houses under construction.

Billa said, "These may be the last homes available anywhere at 4½% VA financing. GI buyers save \$8 a month for the life of the loan by taking advantage of these terms."

Camera on the West



WELCOME: builders landing in Hawaii for Mid-Pacific Housing Conference get traditional greeting. The conference which was arranged with the

HBA of Hawaii, followed the NAHB directors' meeting in San Francisco. A large delegation headed by George Goodyear flew to Honolulu.



THREE-MAN TEAM inspects European housing. In Lucerne, Switzerland, builders relax. (L to R): D. Bellamah, Albuquerque, N. M., group

leader; K. Kunzler of Lucerne; F. Mossman, Albuquerque builder; O. Scharli, Lucerne architect; M. Gauer, Chicago builder; C. Erni, engineer.

Builder buys water supply

Another developer, also in Texas, is following what seems to be a current trend: building the large self-contained community which provides residents with "big city" facilities.

Lawrence O'Donnell of Suburban Homes Realty is doing some long-range planning for his Oakwilde addition. Residents of the tract will be amply supplied with water and other facilities.

O'Donnell has bought a water plant from Metropolitan Investment Corp. for about \$40,000. The water company, which has been serving nearby Westfield Estates, is now being expanded to serve Oakwilde. About \$13,000 will be invested to extend the lines.

The developers are providing other facilities for home owners.

Of the original 100 acres purchased for the development, a large tract has been reserved for a future shopping center, and eight wooded acres have been reserved for a park. All streets will be paved.

The tract, when completed, will have more than 350 homes. Right now a \$200,000 construction program is underway for the first 30 houses which will be in the \$6,800 to \$7,500 price bracket.

The houses will be brick, frame and cedar shakes, with two and three bedrooms and attached garages.

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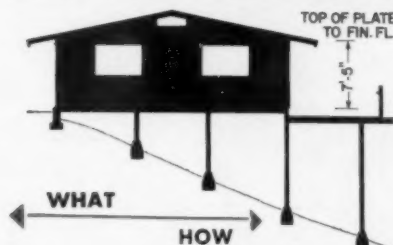
More and more builders are taking to hillside sites as the scarcity of easily developed land increases. This type of site used to be strictly in the providence of the custom builder. Now, the hillside site is being sought after by many small project

builders across the country. The Security Development Corp., builders of the NAHB award-winning design house shown here, constructed this model with three variations on ten hillside lots. The lots were steep and uneven. They were transformed into

of the MONTH for November



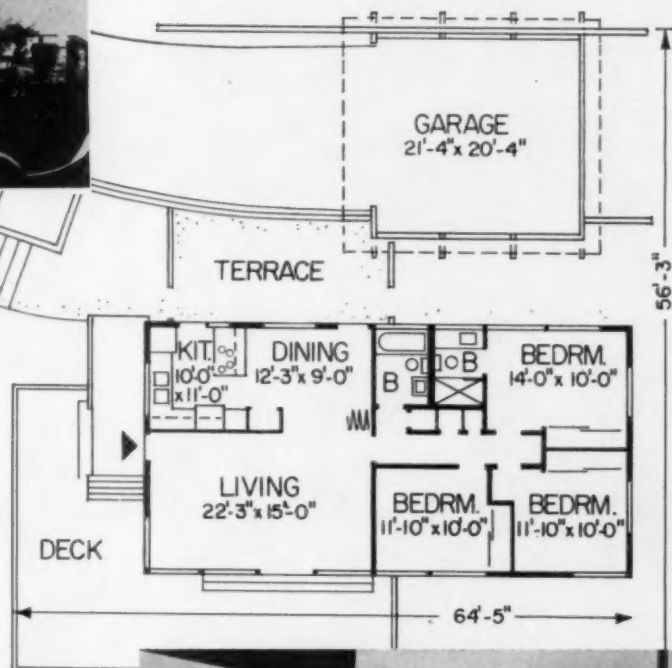
◀ **DECK IS PROJECTED OUTWARD** at tree-top height. Underside of overhang reveals 2x6 lower cord members of scissors trusses used over living area. At bedrooms, flat ceiling is conventionally framed, 2x6 outriggers form eave.



SILHOUETTE SHOWS typical framing of flooring, posts on piers. For the roof a dutch gable (two pitches) was used instead of conventional gable.

HAWAIIAN-TYPE HOUSE has three levels; steps lead down from the highest (2-car garage). Middle level is for entry, living. Lower for future rooms.

◀ **HOUSE SOLD** for \$18,750 with land. The 75'x90' lot was valued at \$3,000. Extras included built-in range, oven and a garbage disposal.



COMPACT KITCHEN serves multi-purpose room and dining patio. Sliding panels completely close off multi-purpose room from living room, giving children a private activity area separate from adult members of the family.

hillside site

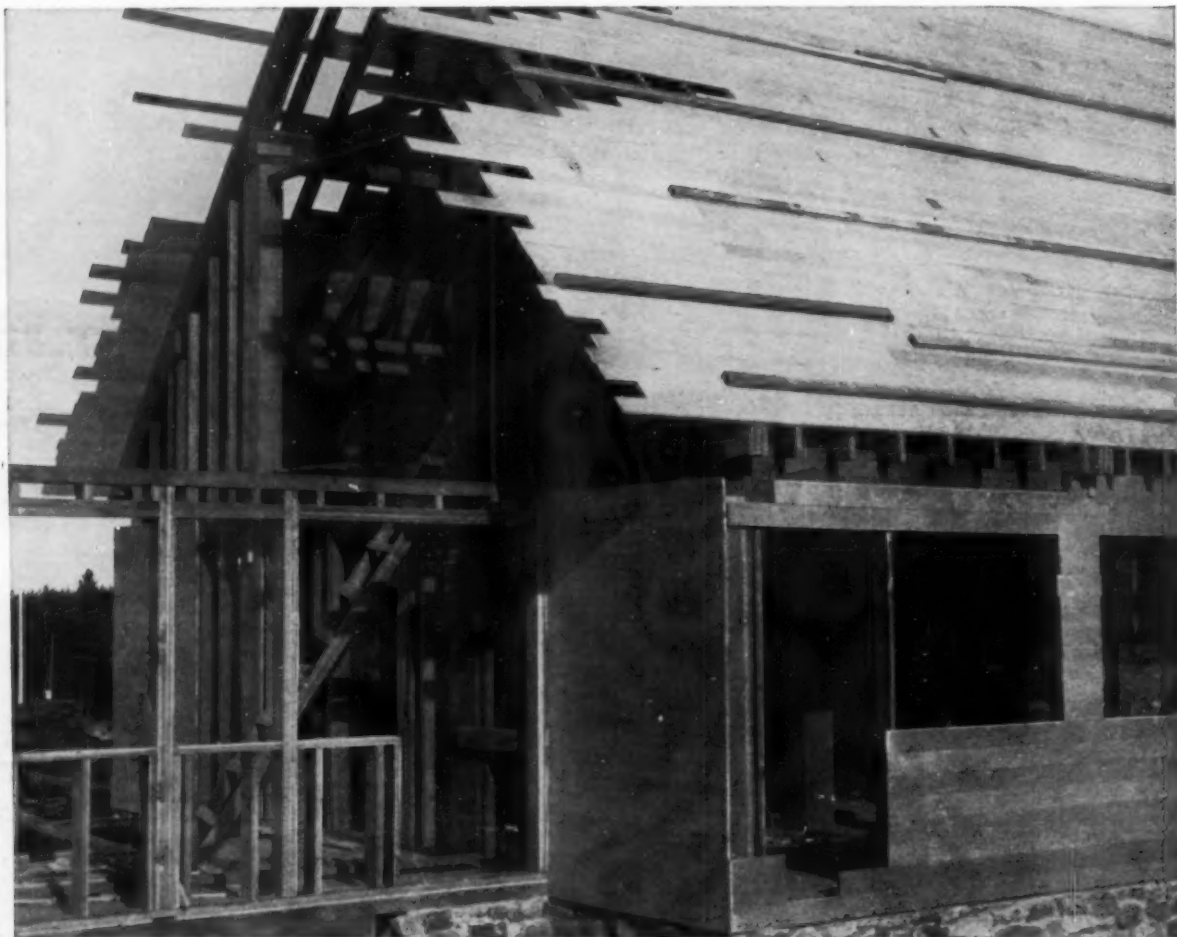
highly livable and attractive home sites. In this type of development, if you can keep the grading costs to a minimum you have it licked. The builder in this instance did this successfully by lifting the homes to the roads with posts and piers.

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▼ NATIONAL HOMEWEEK TRENDS:

Natural stone and manufactured stone to some extent seem to be replacing used brick for exterior trim . . . white rock roofs or colored rock roofs alternate with shakes and shingles even in upper-price bracket homes . . . when garages are in front, the walls and doors facing the street are decorated in various ways — overlaid decorative mouldings; windows with planters and flower-pot ledges; double or single doors with glass panels on one or both sides; false rafter tails; cupolas and dormers are some other measures intended to add beauty and interest to exteriors.

● Interiors, too, are receiving much attention. Sliding-glass doors, inter-coms, colored fixtures, built-in ranges and ovens — all innovations a year or so ago — are now almost standard equipment in the better homes. Somewhat newer but rapidly taking hold are skylights over interior baths and halls; acoustical ceilings; slate entries; artistic lighting fixtures; plastic room dividers; luminous ceilings in kitchen and bath.

▼ FHA TRIPLES VOLUME IN LOS ANGELES AREA.

The Los Angeles FHA office announced that 2,664 applications for insured loans were received in August compared with 865 for December 1956 — the recent low point. Director Norman M. Lyon stated that he attributes this increase to the higher interest rate allowed and the larger loan-to-value ratios permitted since Aug. 5.

▼ SHARP DECLINE IN TRACT RECORDINGS IN LOS ANGELES AREA.

According to Title Insurance & Trust Co., 647 tracts with 23,398 lots were recorded during the first seven months of 1957 compared with 912 tracts and 40,813 lots for the same period last year. Figures are for Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside Counties.

▼ FREE PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR REAL ESTATE SALESMEN

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subdivision is sold out and the employer is not yet ready to start a new one."

▼ SAN DIEGO IS ONE OF NATION'S HOT SPOTS with residential starts one-third ahead of last year for the first six months of 1957. The city's starts are running counter to the national trend. But Chuck Taylor, vice president of the San Diego BCA, sounds a word of caution to builders by pointing to the fact that the rate of population growth tapered off sharply for this six months compared with the previous six months and that housing demand might follow.

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GINGERBREAD DETAIL: broken roof line, diamond paned windows, dove cotes and flower pot ledges all add to the gingerbread effect. The top half of the front door gets special treatment too—it's made of leaded glass. Garage attracts attention with its birdhouse cupola.

TREND 1: the gingerbread look—
in California it's still strong . . .

INFORMAL LIVING plays a big part in the West, and is reflected in this floor plan. Family room, dining room and kitchen are one open area, although dining room can be closed off if desired. Part of Rossmoor Development, this house sells for \$19,800.



Eight NHW trends that will help

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TREND 2:

A FIREPLACE is a must in the family room. This one in Leland Terrace, built by Busby the Builder, San Antonio, is made of red antique clinker brick. It's a two-way unit that opens to the living room. The room, in front of the house, has its own patio. The floors are red tile.





WHAT IS TEXAS GINGERBREAD? It's "ranch" rather than "Hansel and Gretel." It's an antique brick front with cypress siding to give a rustic effect, and a roof with a big overhang and exposed rafter ends. This house, built by Smith-Gual of Dallas, sells for \$37,500.

. . . gingerbread moves to Texas, and gets the typical Texas ranch look

FAMILY LIVING is stressed in the plan which features a kitchen-family room combination considerably larger than the formal living area. Den opens onto the patio, so does the master bedroom. The trend to more and more bathrooms is obvious here.



you sell in '58



If you think you'll be scratching around for buyers next year, here are eight ideas worth checking. The three **AMERICAN BUILDER** editors who covered western housing during National Home Week say these are solid trends—not passing fads.

Around Los Angeles, buyers are still demanding the gingerbread house and the trend has moved to Texas. The family room, which just a few years ago was "new," is now a must—and today's buyer wants a fireplace there too.

Doors aren't just doors this year, they're louvered and folding. Builders are also concentrating on entries, dividers, cooking islands and skylights. These ideas can be your drawing card for sales in '58.

TREND 3:

NATURAL STONE is used indoors. Although it is more expensive, it's beginning to replace used brick. Fireplace here is made of Palos Verdes stone, and is in a Bellehurst model, Fullerton, Cal.

THREE WESTERN NHW TRENDS YOU SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT

TREND 4: dividers—they turn one area into two rooms



DECORATIVE yet practical is this sliding Carlton room divider. Panels can be either plastic or metal. The divider answers the space problem for many builders.



STANDARD DIVIDER used in Rossmoor is the accordion-type folding door. This family room can be converted into a fourth bedroom with this partition.

TREND 5: doors get a new look—almost everybody wants louvers



DOORS GET DETAIL: new tracts feature louvered doors for wardrobes and closets. They look good and allow air circulation. Hall wardrobe here is in Bellehurst.



NEW but already well established is the louvered-folding door. Here it is shown on a wardrobe (far center) and as a room divider (right) in Singing Hills, Dallas.

TREND 6: entries—sales can be made at the front door



BARBEQUE is part of the entrance in W. A. Kopplin's house in Leland Terrace, San Antonio. The front yard is a private play area—porch is a shade area.

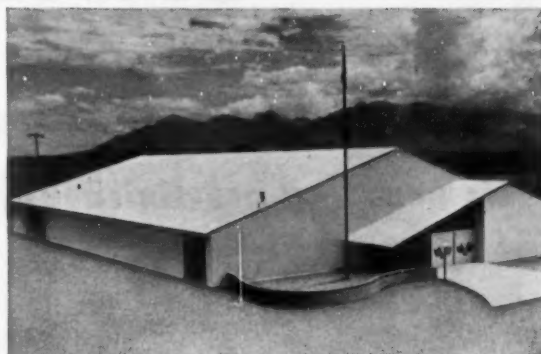


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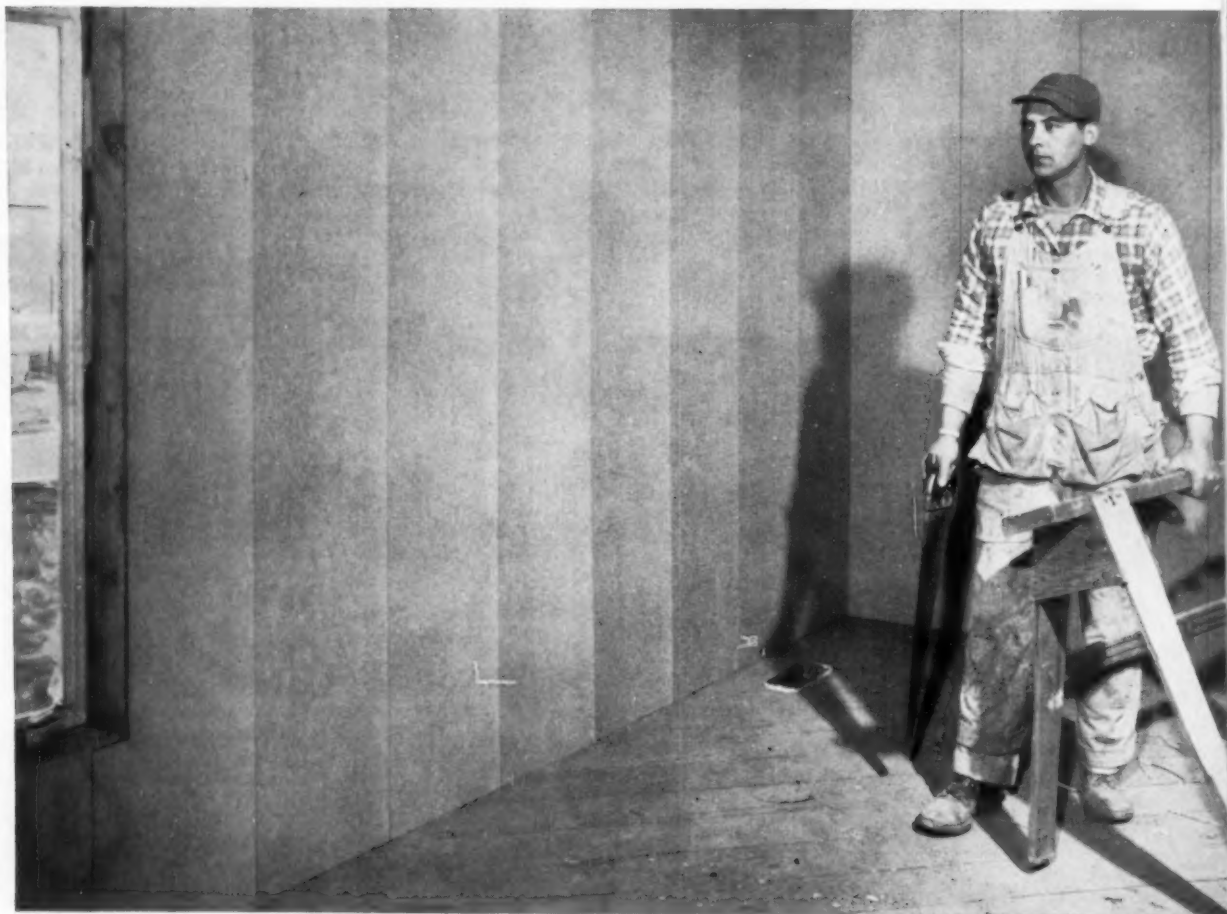
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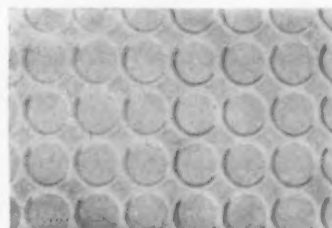
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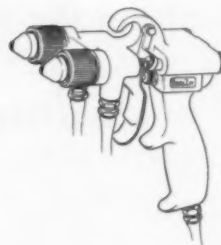
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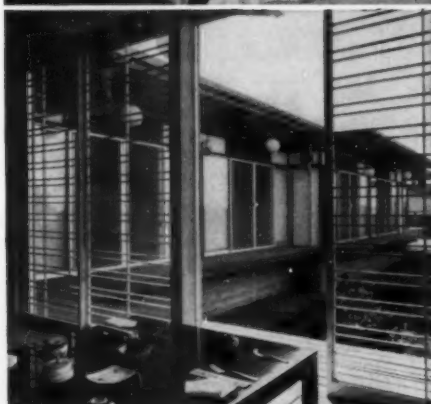


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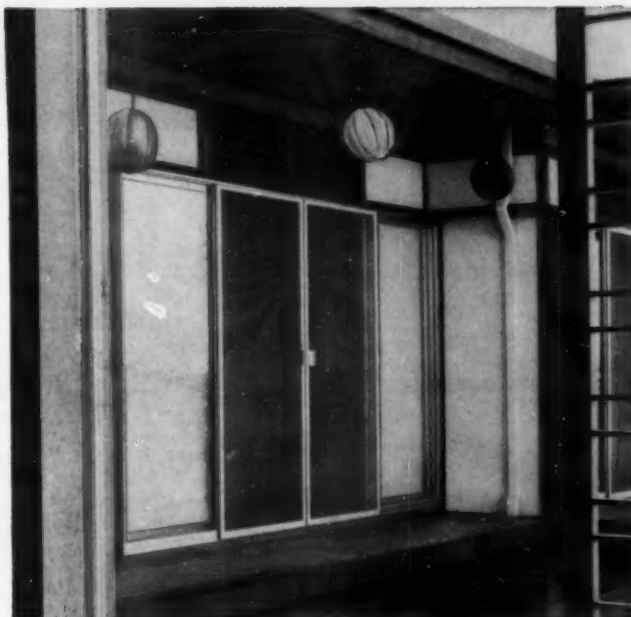
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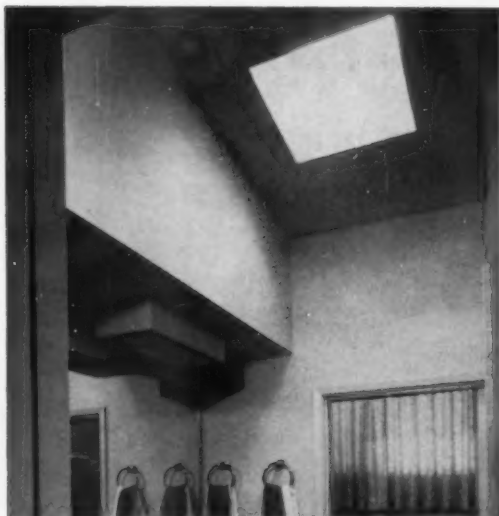
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TREND 8: island cooking centers: they're becoming more and more important. Builders realize that properly arranged, they permit more wall space to be used for storage and work areas in the kitchen. They can also serve as room dividers. This one, with an O'Keefe & Merritt range, is in a Robert W. Kennedy model in Dallas.

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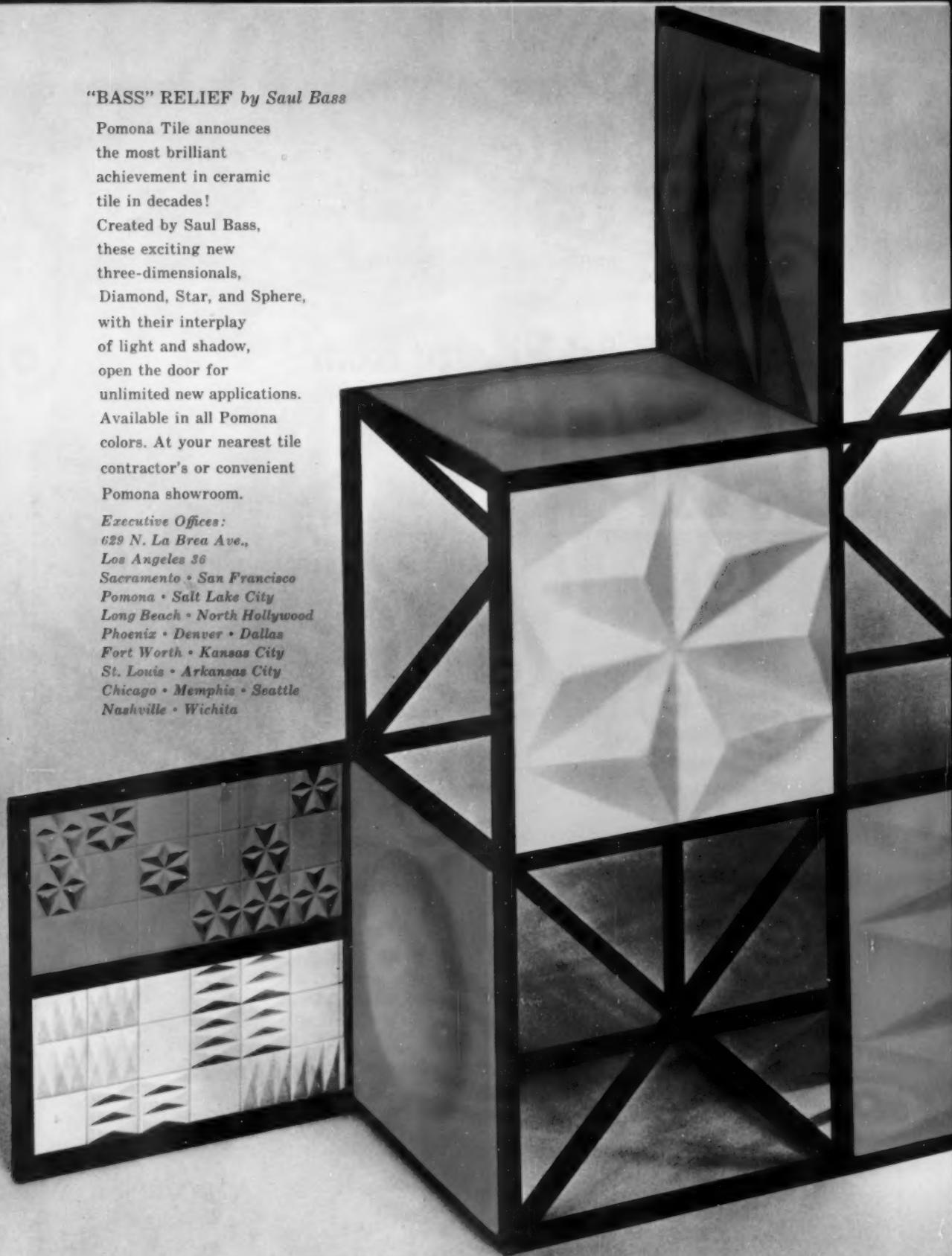
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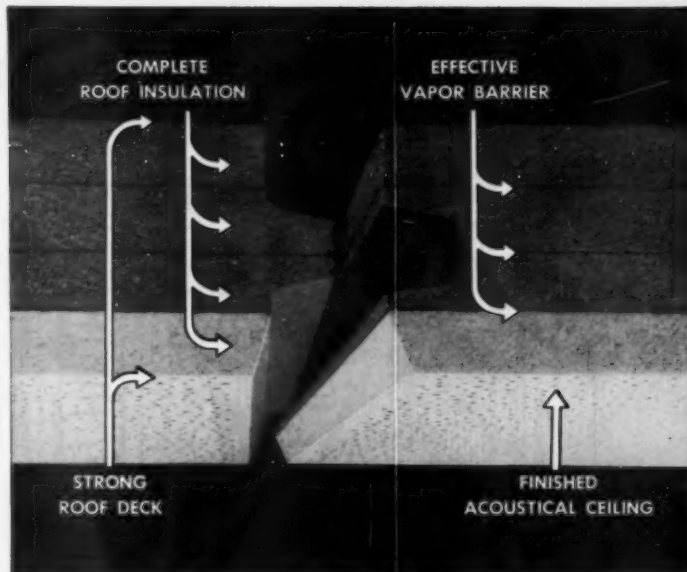
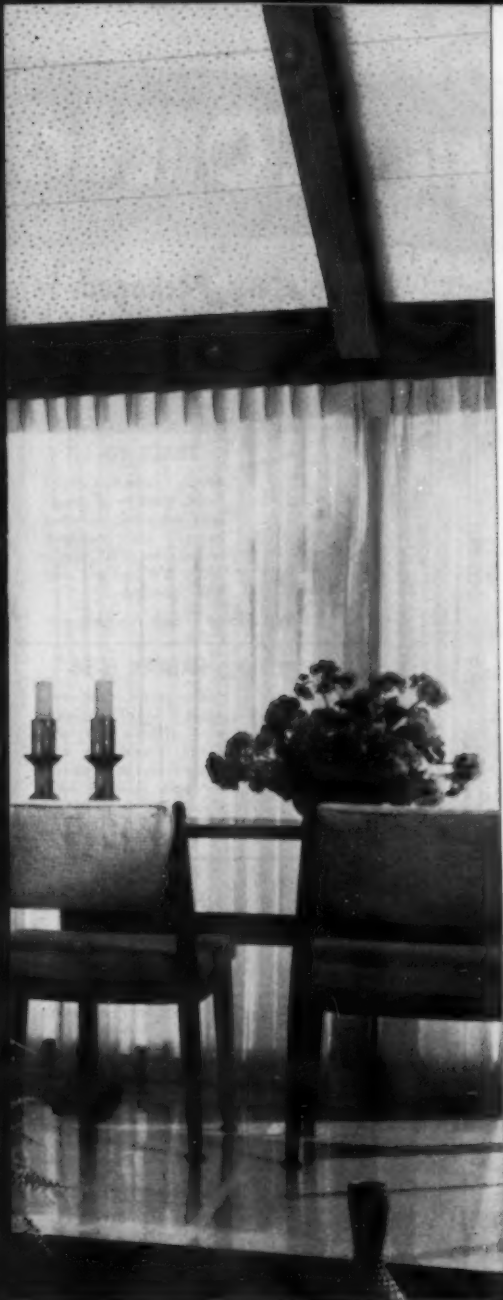
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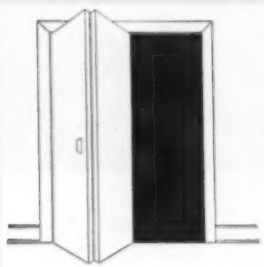
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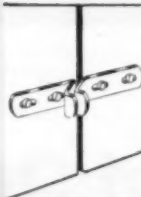
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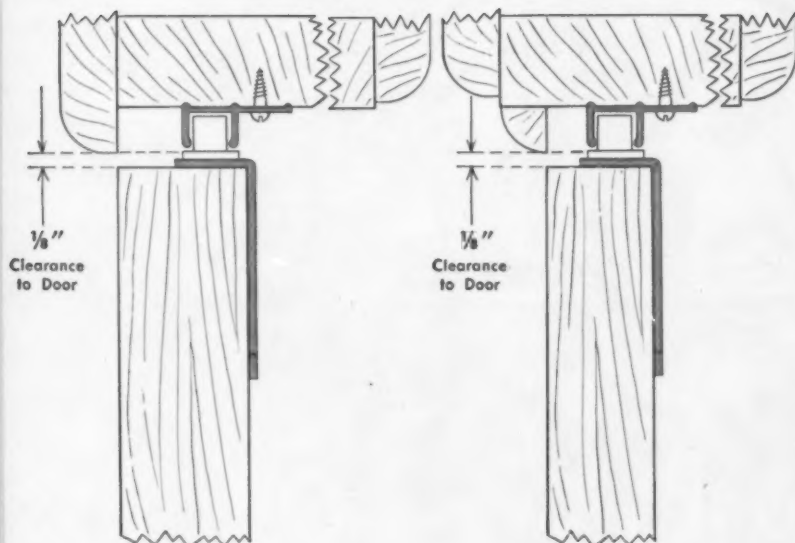


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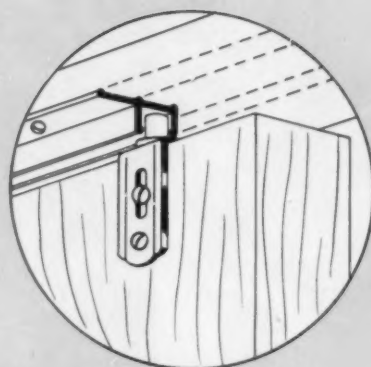
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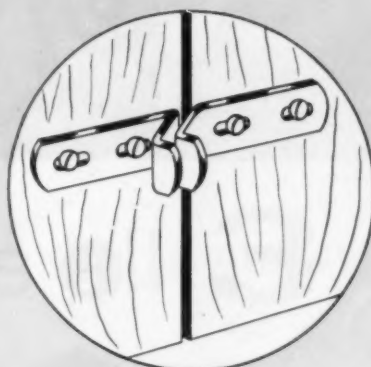
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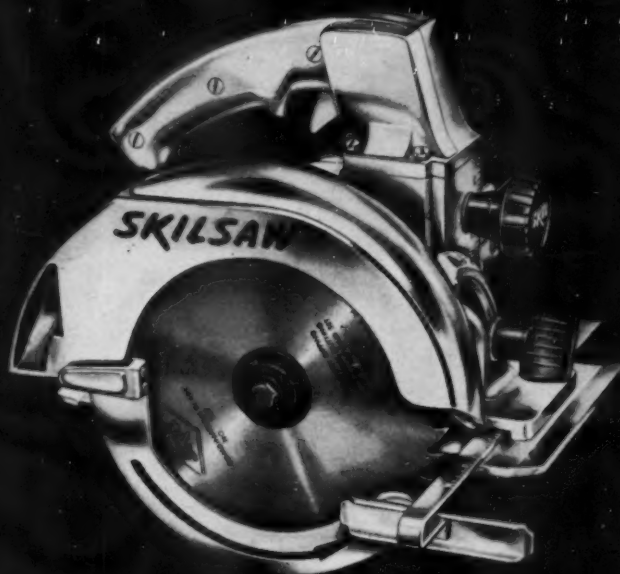
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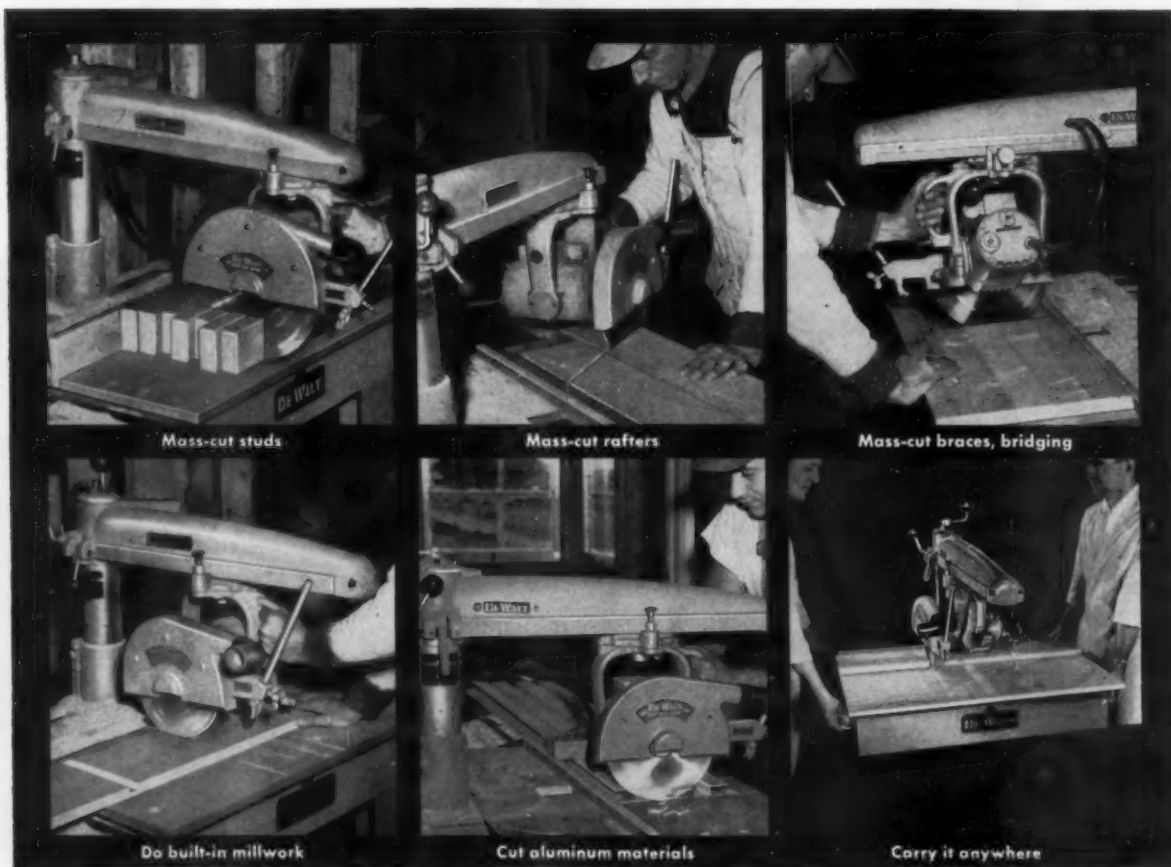
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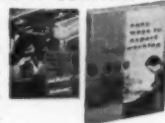
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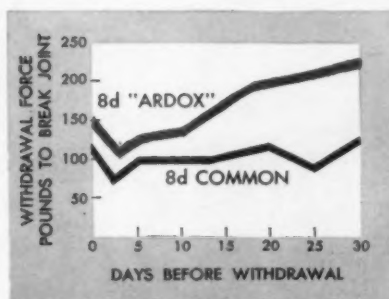
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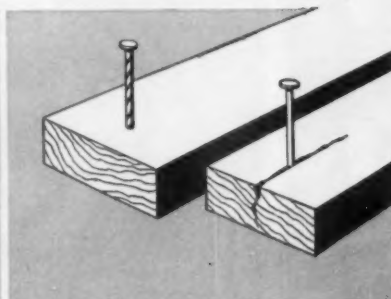


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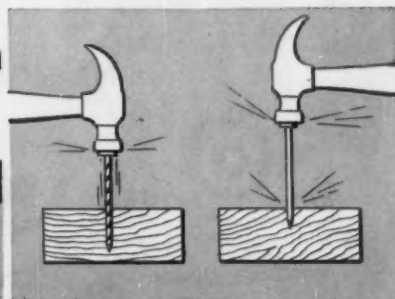
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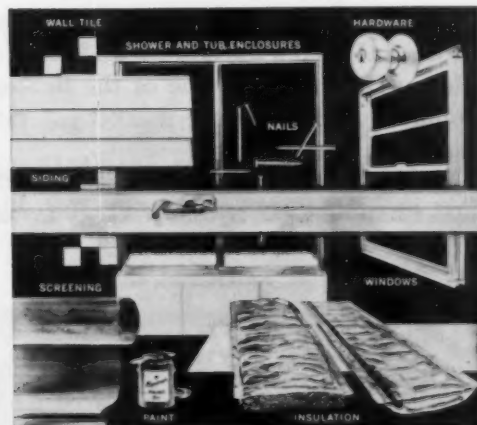
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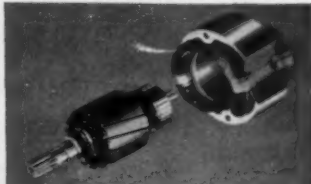
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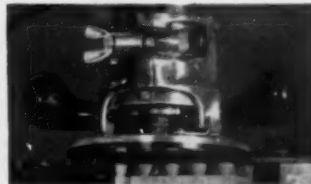
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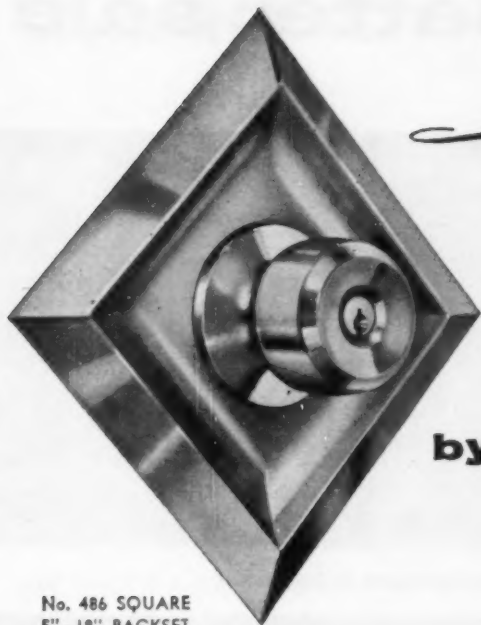


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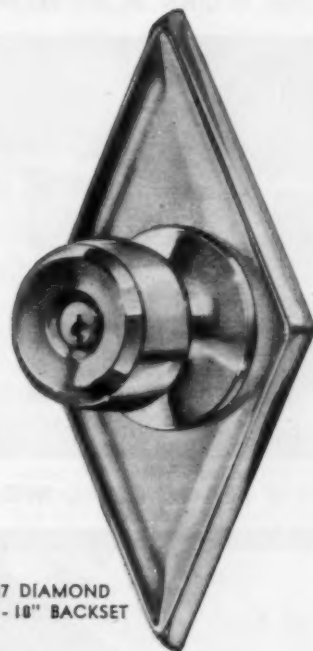
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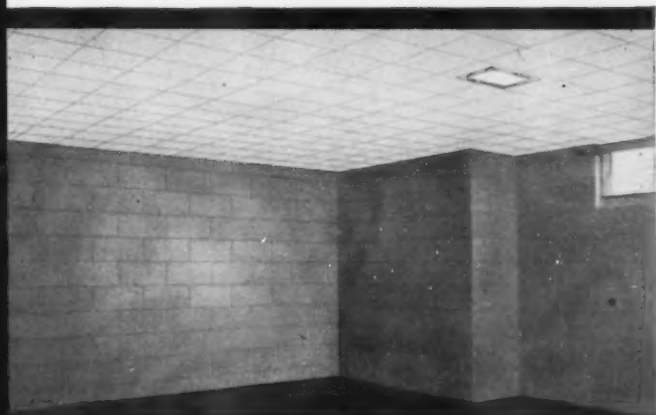


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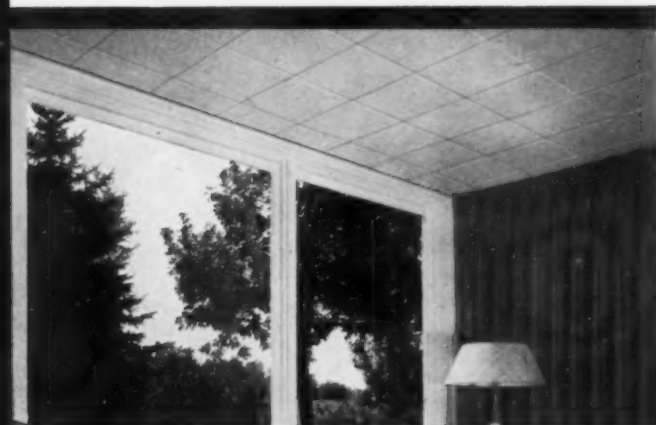


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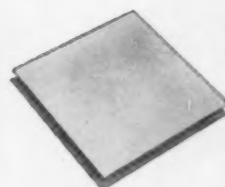


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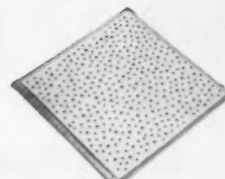
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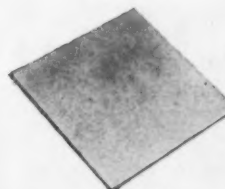
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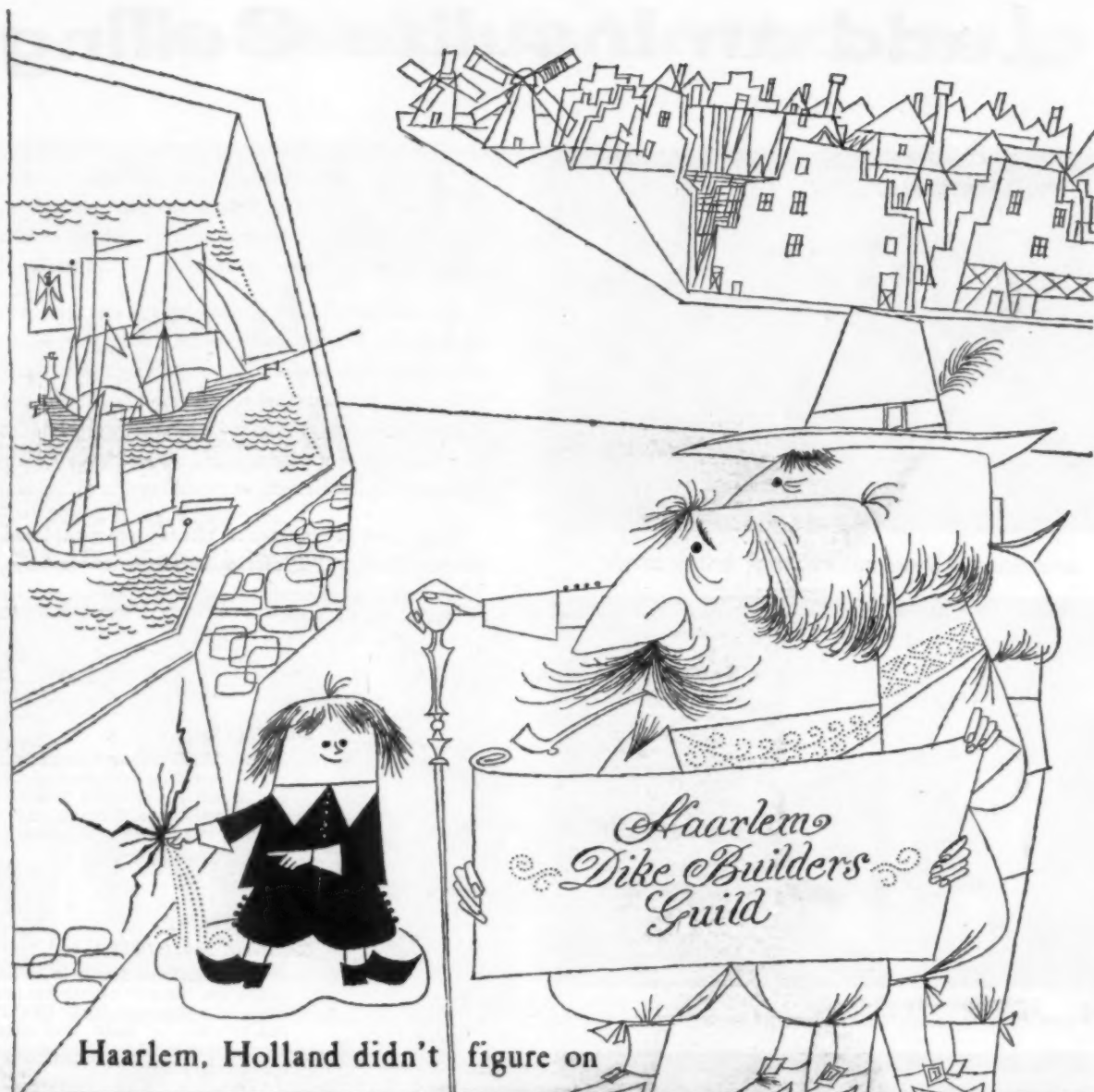
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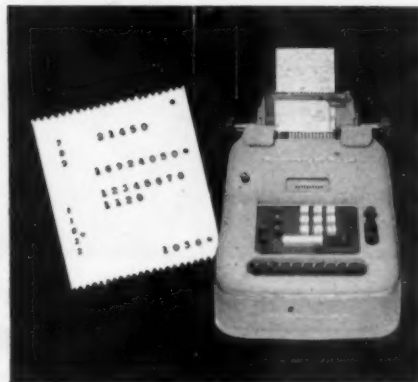
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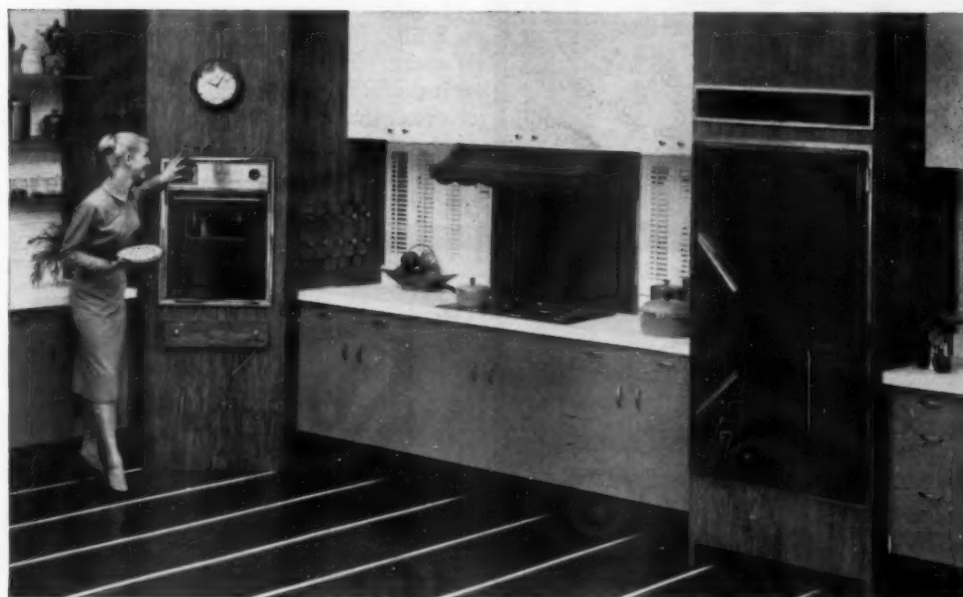
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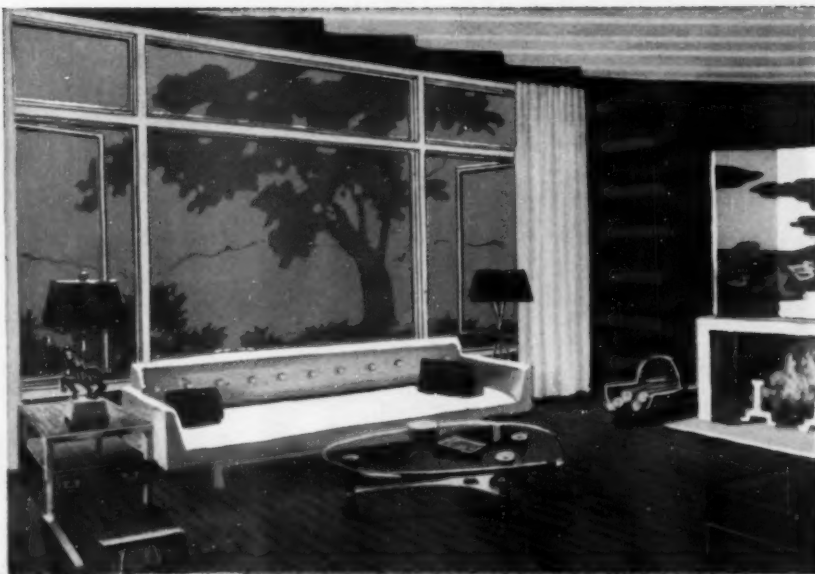
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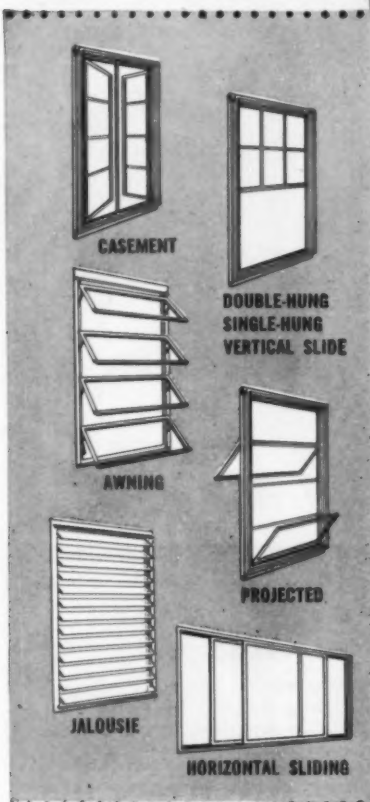
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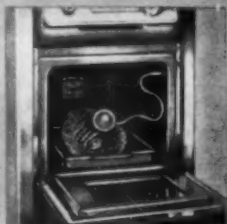
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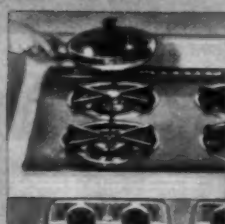
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Forecast for 1958:

1958 will be the year all building begins to get back in stride

Builders just can't seem to get a simple answer to a seemingly simple question, namely: "Will business (and profits) go up or down next year?"

Neither, say the economists. The consensus of the experts consulted by AMERICAN BUILDER in making its forecast (next few pages) is that business will, instead, go sideways.

Both the economy in general and the construction industry in particular, the experts say, have reached a high plateau and the objective is to try to keep them there, with no risk of inflation or recession. (Home building, of course, has some climbing to do before it gets a firm footing on the plateau.

Actually, the big question turns out to be: "How will the second half of the year differ from the first?"

This is significant: few experts will predict beyond mid-year. Secretly, off the record, most experts feel much more confident than they're saying—especially about the second half. Here's why: they expect some important changes around May or June in some of the factors that substantially influence the building market—such factors as money supply, outside competition for the consumer's dollar, federal legislation (including key changes in the 1957 housing act).

The experts know that 1958 with a \$72-billion total market and 1.1 million housing starts (see pp. 58-60), will be a big year for building—even if the outcome of these catalysts is disappointing. They know, too, that if things break right, the second half could launch the building industry on a flight that, in the next few years, might rival Sputnik's.

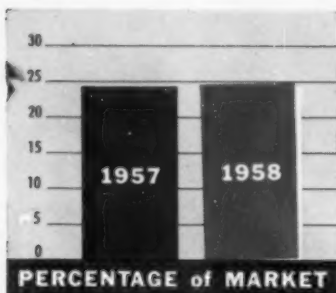
One way or the other, you can count on this: 1958 may hold no miracles, but it will be a year of steady growth—the year all building begins to get back in stride.



How much of this \$72-billion



PRIVATE NEW RESIDENTIAL construction will go up 6% to \$17.7-billion next year



For this segment of the market, particularly, the year will get better as it goes on.

Biggest disappointment in the first half of the year: although encouraged by the new housing act, home builders will not be able to build as much as they're now planning—at least not until money

eases and they get commitments.

Another sad fact (though more expected): lower profits, as the squeeze of rising cost continues.

But—and economists make a big point of this—the rate of increase in costs (and other inflationary trends) has slowed down. One result: the median price house has probably reached a plateau at just over \$15,000. (NAHB surveys show the median price went up only 3% in 1957, compared with 8% in '56. No hike is seen in '58.

What this adds up to is a slowly but definitely improving housing market in '58, with starts and dollar volume going up 5-6% over '57.

Here's a capsule outlook for '58:

- **Price tags.** Trend toward lower price houses (\$12,-14,000).
- **Interest rates.** Mortgages, now at peak, will taper off.
- **Mortgage money.** Easier, less

competition for it from industry.

• **Costs.** Less climb. More stable price indexes—both wholesale and consumer.

• **Starts.** Up 5-6% (ditto dollar volume). Total at least 1,050,000, rock bottom. Estimates range from 1 million to 1.2 million. Figure it this way: a net gain of 800,000 families. Plus 300,000 houses removed from the market. That's a basic need of 1.1 million new houses just to keep afloat.

• **Rental and cooperative housing.** Bigger share of market in '58. Rate of investment return will be more attractive.

• **Farm housing.** Continued drop, creating demand for more nonfarm houses.

• **Housing for elderly.** Heavy emphasis in '58.

In short, a very healthy growth year for private housing.



PRIVATE NEW NON-RESIDENTIAL construction's share will drop, still take \$16.6-billion



Nub of the situation in '58: over-all industrial expansion has ended. Every category except utilities will show a 5-10% cut in construction outlay next year. While industrial construction goes down close to 10% to \$3-billion, utilities will go up from \$5.7-billion to more than \$6.2-billion. (Utilities,

last to expand, didn't begin their push till the fall of '56, will spend some 5% more in '58.)

Industry's fast-write-off tax advantage, due to end about midyear, will probably be extended another year.

With home building off for the past two years, commercial construction has slowly but steadily declined, will do so again in '58. Reduction: about 10%, from \$3.5-billion to \$3.2-billion, still topping industrial construction.

Other kinds of building—churches, hospitals, schools, institutions, etc.—will stay about the same, maybe go up a bit in dollar volume because of inflated dollars.

Expect no increase in farm construction. This segment will likely stay at about \$1.5-billion. If any change, a drop.

Don't worry about shortages of

materials or labor. There will be something like a 2-3% increase in the number of construction workers employed, with even distribution of this force nationally.

But, paradoxically, you'll pay more for both building supplies and manpower. Materials may dip in price after '58, but labor has a built-in cost-rise factor in long-term contracts.

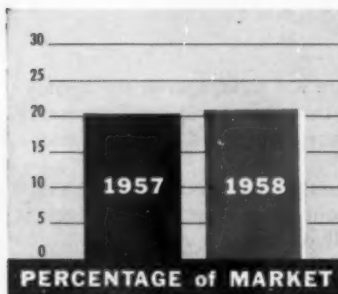
Net: a very slight rise in the amount spent on private new non-residential building—probably less than 1% more than last year—and most of it due to higher prices for materials and manpower.

Actually, this segment will take a somewhat smaller share of the larger 1958 construction market. It will present less competition for available money supply next year, to the advantage of all other kinds of construction.

market will you get in 1958?



PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION will make the biggest gain: up 9% to \$15.3-billion



Here's where the biggest jump will occur in '58—close to a 10% gain in dollar volume, from just over \$14-billion in '57 to some \$15.3-billion next year.

Much of the gain will come from frantic school construction on both state and local levels and from new highways.

Momentum is finally stepping up on the latter program. Most of this year's predicted highway bonanza never materialized and incredible snags will continue to keep a good part of the potential in the blueprint stage. But it's moving. From just short of \$5-billion in '57 to well over \$5.5-billion in '58.

Note this: state and local governments may get first call on any extra funds looking for an investment. The usual reason: they can pay higher interest rates; their bonds are tax exempt.

Local governments will be under pressure to work more closely with builders on improvement of community facilities, urban renewal, and other public works.

In fact, Congress is just getting an investigation under way into the subject of financing of such projects. House Subcommittee on

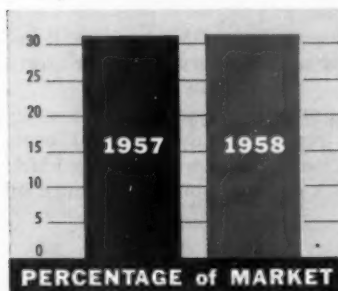
Housing chairman Albert Rains told AMERICAN BUILDER that relocation housing—vitally needed to rehouse families displaced by slum clearances—will be one of the priority matters in new hearings and studies. Come spring, some new laws may result.

One major aim of such new legislation may be to make public rental housing more attractive to investors. Favorable reaction is expected because recent dearth of rental building has helped expand market.

Cutbacks in the defense budget will mean a slight drop in the amount spent for building military facilities. This year will probably end with a total outlay of some \$1.25-billion, down from \$1.4-billion last year. In '58, expenditures will dip to around \$1.2 billion.



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Upshot: Existing houses have literally been bursting at their seams. What's more, they'll continue to burst as homeowners try to make them last longer.

And, too, with new industrial and commercial construction down, there will be more alteration and modernization work to be done on non-residential structures.

What's the answer? More patching. Repair, maintenance, remodeling, additions. Business—both industrial and commercial—is going to have to spend much more than in recent years.

How much? We're told that our estimates of this market have been conservative and that well over \$21-billion will have been spent when '57 ends. As the building market is now constituted, you've got to figure this segment's share to increase by at least the same rate as the rest, probably higher.

Say 6%. Add that up and you get a staggering sum—but still probably a conservative one.

Besides the normal pressures, here are three factors you can expect to boost this market further:

- A continued drive to improve and enforce building codes.
- Home Improvement Council's all-out drive to make homeowners dissatisfied with the appearance of their homes.
- Possible changes in tax laws to encourage trading in of old houses.

Don't expect miracles in '58 — just good steady growth

FORECAST: 1958 housing starts will hit 1,100,000, maybe 1,125,000

The year will start at a 1,000,000 rate, gaining in the second half. Final tally will include close to 1,050,000 private starts and some 50,000 public. Of this, count on a minimum of 650,000 conventionally financed and 250,000 FHA.

This year (1957) seems certain to wind up with around 1,030,000, possibly a bit more. Private starts will just miss reaching 1,000,000; public starts will be about 40,000.

FORECAST: You'll find more mortgage money, starting around midyear

Here's why: first, the supply will be up—from savings, new sources. Interest rates have probably reached their peak. And the FHA rate, despite pooh-poohing, may be high enough to attract a decent amount of permanent financing. Much confidence is put in FHA's new Instlcorp. type of program enabling smaller investors to buy shares of mortgages.

Also, the U.S. Savings & Loan League has come up with a plan to up their lending ratio so as to provide 90% conventional loans. Plenty of wrinkles still to be ironed out, but plan has NAHB backing, good chance of passing.

Second reason money will be less scarce. Industry will stop hogging it all. Expansion has already leveled off, won't pick up much, if any, in '58. The Fed will play it by ear, wait and see what demand

is. Constant pressure has sandpapered the agency's sense of touch and this year it will act if necessary. But don't expect any change till May or June at earliest.

Still more help could come from tax cuts. You'll hear heap talk about them. But don't believe it. Sure, Congress will go through election-year motions but nothing doing in '58 as long as inflation remains a threat.

FORECAST: Congress will ease discount controls, aid investments

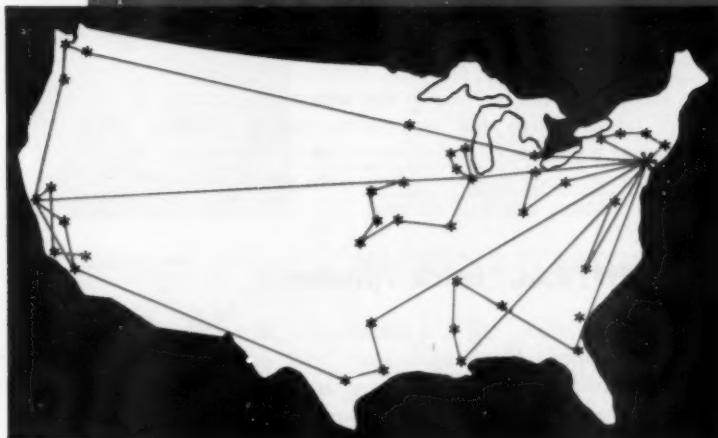
Builders are betting discount controls won't go the route. If not actually k.o.'d, they'll at least get pretty battered by political infighting that will finally leave them with few teeth. Although there's scant pressure for or prospect of any quick housing legislation, you can look for these other goodies:

- Improved capital gains tax law to encourage investment in rental housing—better treatment for real estate investment trusts.
- Help for builders on trade-ins by possible law change to avoid taxing them on sales of houses taken in trade and then resold until actually paid for.
- Further revision of Fannie Mae to give it facilities to make it more of a reserve bank for mortgages.
- Congress will probably extend the VA housing program (due to expire in July '58) and even raise loan interest rate to parity with the new FHA rate. But for '58, VA is dead; won't figure much in builders' plans.

What's ahead in 1958: A capsule summary

Private new residential construction	up 6.0 percent	\$17.7-billion
Private new non-residential construction	up 0.3 percent	\$16.6-billion
Public construction	up 9.0 percent	\$15.3-billion
Modernization, alteration, maintenance	up 6.0 percent	\$22.6-billion
Total 1958 building	up 5.4 percent	\$72.2-billion

A coast-to-coast staff report



During National Home Week,
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... what will help you sell in 1958

On the next fifteen pages we're going to show you the ideas builders from all parts of the country think will sell their houses next year. Our editors visited National Home Week Parades of all price ranges, and, of course, there were marked regional peculiarities, but there were some ideas that every editor found everywhere he went.

THE FAMILY ROOM is the sales center of the house. Whether it's on the lower level of a split or next to the kitchen in a ranch, it's getting bigger, it's getting more glamorous, and it's getting the lion's share of attention. As informal living replaces formal, so the "family living" area is growing at the expense of the formal living room.

BATHS ARE NEXT on the list for glamorizing. It wasn't long ago that colored fixtures and vanities were a novelty; now the public expects them, and builders are having to work hard to stay ahead. Built-in storage,

mirrors, and lighting are getting bigger and gaudier; and paneling, planters, telephones, and even magazine racks are beginning to bloom in the bath.

THE ONE STORY HOUSE is still king, whether it's called a ranch, rambler, or bungalow. Buyers seem to prefer one-level living and the simple, well divided plan it affords; and builders are happy with the economies of the one-story model. And if more expansion or storage space is needed, a basement is an economical way of getting it.

THE SPLIT LEVEL is moving up fast, although sometimes it's hardly recognizable. Builders are building splits that look like both ranches and two-story houses; and, paradoxically, two-story houses that look like splits. What it all adds up to is that the public is warming up to splits, and our editors reported that in almost every area there are more of them than last year.

Here's the regional picture, and the editors who saw it



...what will help you sell in



NORTHWEST: individual design

"The successful tract builders in this region are creating an individuality of house design that approaches custom building. They are constructing a number of variations on the split-level (see pp. 70-71). Also: more stress on indoor-outdoor since patios are used here." . . . Joseph B. Mason, editorial director.



NORTH CENTRAL: brick ranches

"With few exceptions, this is a conservative area. The most saleable home in any price range is a one-story brick ranch (see p. 72) with full cellar, although splits are gaining, and slab houses will sell—at the right price. Most Parade houses I saw were priced over \$20,000." . . . Maxwell C. Huntoon, Jr., construction editor.



CHICAGO AREA: more quality

"Most of the Parade houses here were by custom builders. The average price was \$25,000. I'd say there was more emphasis on quality and brand names this year, and perhaps a little more area for the money. There is less basement finishing, too—the money seems to go into family rooms." . . . Charles H. Goodall, directory editor.



SOUTHEAST: splits are coming

"Although ranches are still hot sellers, split-levels are becoming more popular. Houses had entrance areas—a move away from front doors opening directly into living rooms. Areas are created by dividers, planters, and, in higher-priced homes, by center halls. Also—more built-in refrigerators." . . . Alvin M. Hattal, merchandising editor.



NORTHEAST: good value given

"Builders here are giving good value to homebuyers. House prices are high principally because cost of land has risen so. Most evident in kitchens—no more free-standing ranges (p. 68). Every house we saw had built-in oven and range. Also noted: more formal and separate dining rooms." . . . June Vollman, Carol Snyder, news editors.



FAR WEST: heavy on details

"Traditional and 'gingerbread' still dominate the exterior design of houses in all price classes. This style dictates the strong emphasis on details inside the houses (see pp. 66-67). Representative are many kinds of room dividers, natural stone fireplaces, louvered doors, planters." . . . William C. Rodd, western editor.

1958...the regional picture



SOUTHWEST: "customized" basic plan

"In all price ranges, I saw builders attempting to 'customize' a basic, saleable plan (like the ones shown on page 72) with built-ins, compartmented baths, paneling (a 'must' in family rooms), really complete kitchens, exteriors best described as 'colonialized ranches' . . . including 'gingerbread' types." . . . Walter Reese Browder, editor.



MIDDLE ATLANTIC: good market

"This is an area in the New York orbit, and it's growing fast enough to generally offset the national slowdown in building. I saw ranches and splits—about a 50-50 breakdown, and builders seemed to be giving more space for the money than last year. I saw one 'gingerbread.'" . . . Sally Gassert, new products editor.



MIDWEST: colonials growing

"Division between ranches and splits is now about 70-30, respectively. Trend is toward colonial design with some 'gingerbread' coming into the area. Builders are paying more attention to construction which will lower air conditioning load—wide overhangs, less glass, more insulation." . . . Walt Veneigh, midwest editor.




SOUTH: two baths and more

"In Parade homes, two baths were the norm. These homes averaged \$20,000. There appeared to be a trend toward two baths in the under-\$15,000 house. One-story's, mostly on slab, are still the runaway favorite, although a few splits have begun to appear. Exterior designs are good." . . . John Ingersoll, features editor.



NEW ENGLAND: all out for NHW

"The two-story colonial is gaining in favor, and splits are still very popular. However, the ranches that have been built—and there are more this year—have sold well. Builders here go all out for National Home Week; find this promotion pays off when effort is made. Plaster still a must." . . . Joseph Ferche, technical editor.

**On the next 12 pages: the houses
these editors chose that illustrate
these saleable features** 

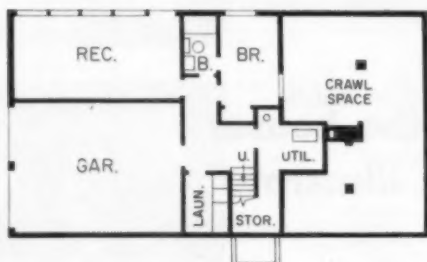
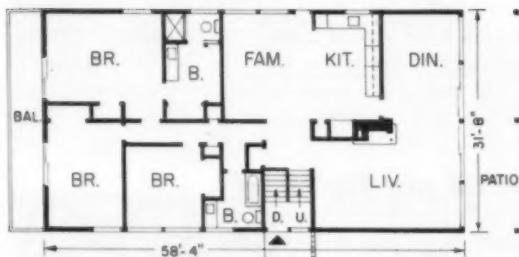


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Typical example in Pleasantville, N.Y.

COMBINATION of family room and kitchen, sometimes called the "living center," is typical of Parade homes throughout the country—the hottest sales feature. Opening onto deck, area fits into indoor-outdoor pattern, too.



Family rooms:



BALCONY and low-pitched roof give a fine contemporary feeling to this Shroder Co.-built house which goes for \$33,250 without land; plan is national favorite.



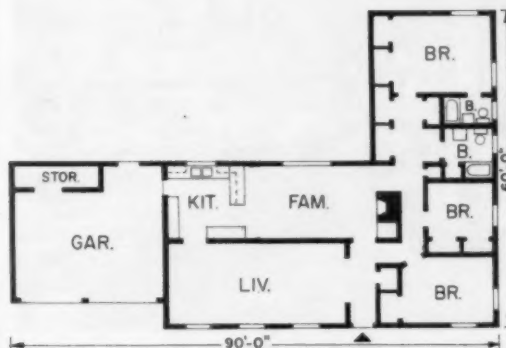
**Typical example in
San Antonio, Tex.**

TRADITIONAL look of this family room in "Cotton" Jaroszewski's \$30,000-house (without land) is becoming more popular everywhere. This room also opens into kitchen; has pass-through eating bar (behind camera).

the builders' best sales feature



HOUSE-WIDE PORCH, pillars, and deep shuttered windows have become traditional trademark in the South. Its antique brick is another sales-aiding feature.



ELL-PLAN forms a pleasant change from basic ranch; makes a natural location for patio; creates a more centralized "living core" fanning out from family room.



PORTLAND, ORE.: where the kitchen and the family room are combined, the breakfast bar, serving as a room

divider and a place to eat, is gaining fast. This one has two levels: one for cooking, the other for eating.

Family room fine points:



SHERMAN OAKS, CAL.: fireplaces are (1) moving out of living rooms into family rooms; (2) are much more decorative (like this antique brick finish); (3) have raised hearths, and (4) are larger. Note open beams, too.



SEATTLE, WASH.: wood paneling was noted by all **AMERICAN BUILDER** editors, and the family room was the spot most often paneled. There was also an increase in the number and variety of built-ins, as shown here.



BEVERLY HILLS, CAL.: sliding glass doors, practically indispensable in California, have taken hold in all corners

of the U.S.A. Some simply lead to yard, but a whopping percentage open onto patios, as here.

fast becoming standard



SEATTLE, WASH.: good planning can provide a two-in-one fireplace wall for both the living room and the family room. This family room has a barbeque, additional proof of the merger of family room and kitchen.

... and here are some extras

One of most noted changes: 100-amp wiring in all priced houses, along with an increase in circuit breakers, radio and communicative intercoms, telephone jacks, and fancy light fixtures.

A decided trend toward use of louvered folding doors and accordian doors. These are being made of wood, metal and plastic fabric. Their uses: as closet doors, pass-through and room dividers.

In the living room and the family room, a more generous use of wallpaper. With decorator taste, it is often used on a single wall. Also—many more planters are used as room dividers.

Even in low-cost houses, basements are being finished more completely—with paint on the walls, asphalt tile floors. In higher-priced homes, basements are often finished completely, bars and all.



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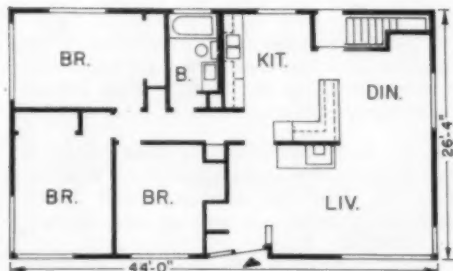


EVERYTHING in view except the refrigerator was included in basic price of this house (\$14,500 without land).

This phenomena is becoming standard in all sections of the country. Pass-through is very popular, too.

Typical example in Milwaukee, Wis.

You've taught them to expect a "complete" kitchen . . .



KITCHEN is well positioned in plan (if last year's Women's Congress was indicative of women's wants) since it looks out over children's play area. Although there is only one bath, it is glamorized with mirrors, vanity.



GOOD BLEND of brick and rough-cut cedar shakes makes exterior design of this "basic-plan" house appealing. Planter to left of door is a welcome extra for the women. House is built by Nichols Construction Corp.

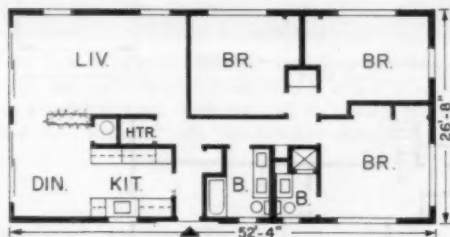


HERE IS the answer to the custom-built house's fancy dressing room. Now tract builders and builders of under-

\$20,000 houses are giving homeowners plenty of class in the bath (even down to a conveniently hung phone).

Typical example in Savannah, Ga.

... now they're beginning to look
for the "glamor" bath



NOTE that house actually has two full baths—another trend which AMERICAN BUILDER editors noticed everywhere. Good planning went into positioning of kitchen, accessible from entry, dining room, terrace at left.



LONG ROOF LINE makes this \$16,950 house (without land) look much more expensive. Brick wall carries out brick theme of house, and shields terrace for privacy. House is built by Powell Construction Co. of Savannah.



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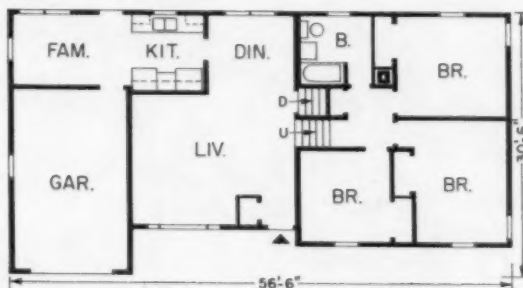
The split is still popular in its

When the split-level design first appeared on the building horizon, it was intended to give the post-war ranch-home owner more space. What usually came out, however, was row on row of the same, usually ugly design.

This year, even the conventional split, as illustrated by the Rockford house at right, is better designed. And, an endless number of variations on this design are popping up everywhere in the country, particularly through the North.

Typical example in Rockford, Ill.

STANDARD SPLIT-LEVEL design in elongated form (to avoid the "pill-box" look) was built in Rockford by Northwest Construction Co.; sells at \$17,850 without land. Although on different levels, the plan follows fundamental design which is nationally popular. Bedrooms are warmer in winter without garage below.



... but many builders are



TWO-STORY look is achieved by reversing front-to-back split. New Orleans-type balcony gives custom touch to this \$17,990 (with land) house built by Mercer Park, Inc. Plan shows how split can give more space per dollar.

Typical example in Middletown, N. J.



conventional form...

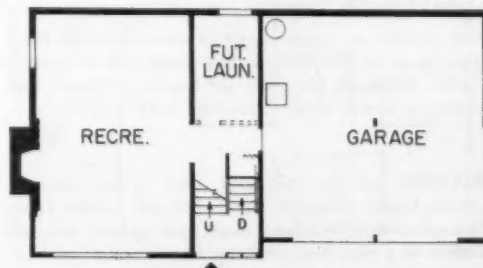
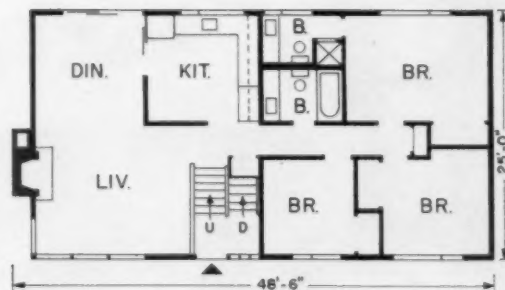


experimenting with the idea



HERE'S A WELL-DESIGNED two-story that resembles a split, but isn't. As plan bears out, it is a real two-story with a split entrance. Built by Bell & Valdez, the house, called the "Riviera," sells for \$14,850 without land.

**Typical example in
Bellevue, Wash.**





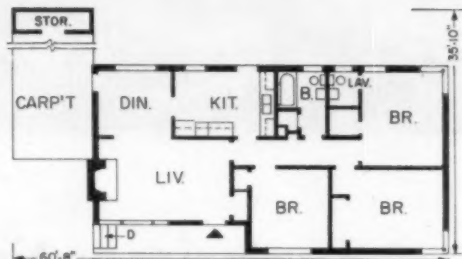
The one-story house is still



MEMPHIS, TENN.

TYPICAL OF ITS AREA, and resembling houses in all parts of the U.S., this Carl J. Grant Co. home often sells before framing is completed. Reason: brick facing, a sound plan and \$12,700 price tag, not including land.

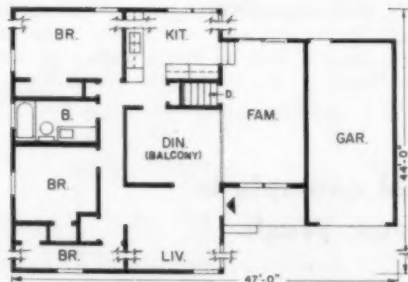
MANY WOMEN expressed immediate delight in "formal" dining room—said they were tired of "dining areas." Third bedroom is panelled with Brazilian Parana Pine; can serve as den if only two bedrooms are needed.



SAYVILLE, N.Y.

BLEND of exterior materials and an abbreviated ell design combine to make this Zummo Organization-built house a fast seller. Although hip roofs are harder to frame, their popularity is strong here. Price with land: \$15,390.

VARIATION on the one-level plan is achieved by step-down family room (2 steps). Separate dining room, full garage, center hall, and good sized second bedroom all add up to a plan that salesmen like to sell.



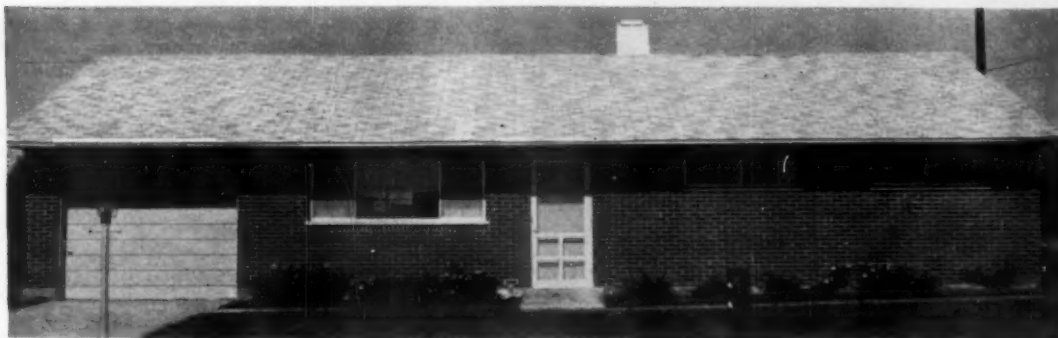
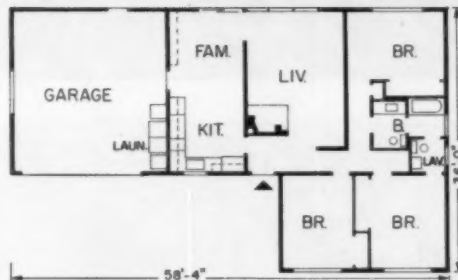
the national favorite



OSWEGO, ORE.

PROOF THAT GOOD DESIGN can be built into a low-cost house is given here in this \$12,300 model (without land) built by Wedgwood Homes, Inc. Oven and range are included in this basic price. It's on a crawl space.

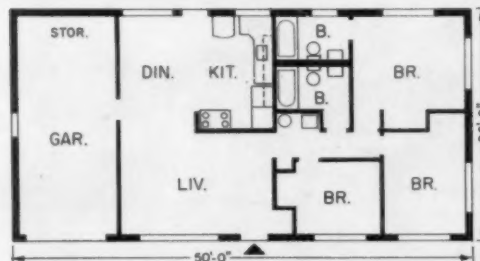
SUPERB ENTRYWAY is made by positioning of fireplace, back wall of which is bricked. There is good design for traffic circulation in "living center" (kitchen-family room-living room-patio). Baths are well arranged.



DAYTON, OHIO

ALL-BRICK is still very popular throughout this area (and is still a top-selling feature to almost all U.S. home prospects). House is built by H. C. Huber Construction Co. and sells for \$13,495, including land.

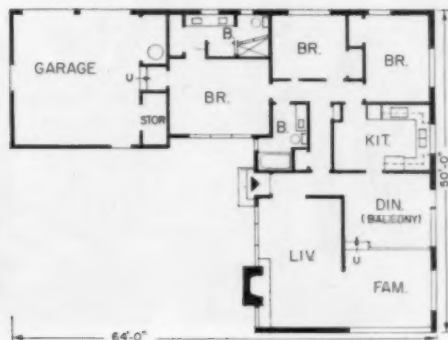
BASIC PLAN, seen by AMERICAN BUILDER editors everywhere, makes a simple division between living and eating areas and the sleeping wing. Three bedrooms are standard everywhere across the country.



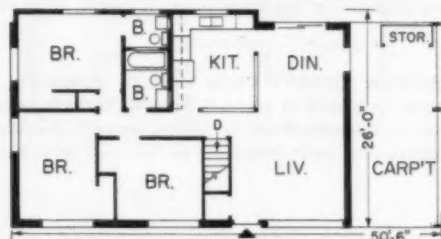


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At higher prices, builders



JACKSONVILLE, FLA.: Blend of materials on exterior, "freedom-of-movement" plan help sell this \$23,000 (without land) Demetree house.



ST. LOUIS, MO.: Large-sized kitchen drew plenty of attention here, as did sliding glass doors off dining room—which lead onto concrete patio.

CONTEMPORARY LOOK makes this house a standout in a conservative area. Raney and Michelson are the builders; price with land, is \$17,990.



SHERMAN OAKS, CAL.: A superb plan, intelligent use of gingerbread makes this an outstanding house. Builder: Schulman. Cost: \$27,950 with land.

"individualize" a spec job

Individuality. Each house on this page has it—in a regional sense, yes, but they have it.

Why? Because the builders whose parade homes they are, know home-seekers in the market for a house around \$20,000 (and up) won't be satisfied with an enlarged version of the \$12,-\$15,000 one-story home they already own.

Knowing this, the builders add: regional styling, more intricate plans, more "custom" touches, a wider variety of built-ins.

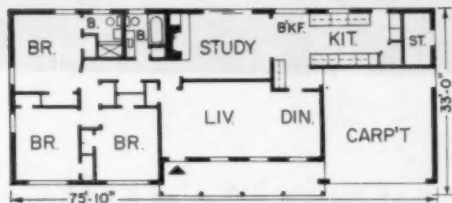
There is a fitting parallel in the auto business (a builder's stiffest competitor for that consumer dollar). When John Doe is ready to switch from a Ford to a Lincoln, he doesn't want an enlarged Ford. He wants a car that is distinctive. It must

boldly inform the neighbors that he has "arrived."

The identical idea can be traced in the houses on these pages. The builders have made them *distinctive* in their respective areas.

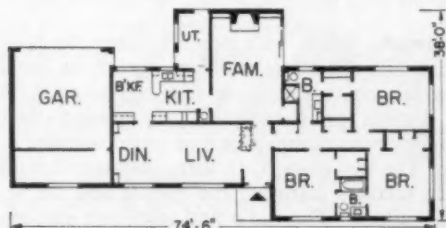
Why is this important to today's builder? For one big reason—more profit. Competition in 1958 is not going to get lighter, nor are material and labor costs going down noticeably. The glib answer to this problem has too often been "hard sell." These builders sell hard, true enough. However, they have given themselves an advantage in the competition by building a house with *hard-sell* features.

As illustrated on these pages, such features include blending exterior materials, altering the roof line, adding some frills.



BIRMINGHAM, ALA.: Here, the family-room kitchen combination with a menu-planning alcove and huge corner pantry helped sell the house.

LUXURIOUS old-South look is achieved by porch, louvered door, shutters and white facade. J. B. Owens-built, it sells for \$28,500 with land.



DALLAS, TEX.: Dominant family room gets the play here, and appealing feature besides is large eating nook off kitchen in addition to dining area.

BIG WINDOWS and big shutters create the effect of a house much larger, more costly. Maxwell Construction built it. Cost: \$26,000 with land.



How you can get the most out

CHARLOTTE BUILDERS SHOW YOU HOW TO:

1. Make them want a house . . .
2. Find out what kind they want . . .
3. Sell them the house they want . . .



... here's the way they

... 1. First, they dramatized the idea of owning a home

How to plant the idea in the buyer's mind? That was the first question.

Charlotte, N. C., builders knew this: the *big* idea—the idea of owning a home—grows out of a lot of little ideas (the idea of comfort, the idea of better living, ideas for decorating, all the many advantages that whet the appetite for home ownership).

How to dramatize these ideas to the customer?

Charlotte builders knew the answer to that, too. For them, this year's Parade of Homes was the fifth time around. They'd found the formula four years ago, when they ran their first Parade. Here's what they've learned since then:

- **Timing.** Unless your market unmistakably calls for a different time of the year, take advantage of the excitement generated by the entire industry during National Home Week. That's when you get your best opportunity to focus interest on your own model house—while people are new-home-conscious.

Charlotte builders actually ran this year's Parade to include the Labor-Day weekend but still near enough to National Home Week, later in the month.

- **Teamwork.** Work with other builders to push the event big. Charlotte builders agreed to build their models on two separate sites, grouping them within distinct price ranges. They pooled their funds to buy newspaper space and broadcast time as a group. The newspapers, in turn, cooperated with complete sections featuring the Parade and the individual builders. The radio and television stations matched spot for spot, urged their regular advertisers to plug the event on their own programs (they did).

- **Merchandising.** Work with your suppliers. Tie in with *their* promotion; use point-of-sale signs to tell your prospects you've built with brand-name products and quality materials.

As far back as last February a group of 20 Char-

of a Parade of Homes...



ONLY DARKNESS stopped the crowds from continuing their inspection of model homes at the Charlotte, N.C., Parade of Homes. This year's showing consisted of two separate sites, each containing nine houses.

sell the family

Charlotte builders made a special trip to the National Housing Center in Washington, came back with a handful of merchandising ideas. Manufacturers, suppliers, local utilities, merchants gave the Parade free plugs in their own advertising.

- **Publicity.** Give prospects a reason to come to see what you can offer. Talk to the editors; they'll show you how to earn extra publicity. With their help Charlotte builders found a way to make news every day: stories about their houses made headlines in the press and on radio and TV constantly throughout the nine-day event. One TV station shot an eight-minute film feature of the Parade, showed it twice during the week on its home-making show.

- **Advertising.** What's different about your house? Does it speak for itself? Or are their built-in qualities—"hidden values," perhaps—that ought to be brought out in the open? Charlotte builders invested in individual advertising, took time and space to tell their stories exactly the way they wanted them told.



THE WHOLE FAMILY made the tour. Of the more than 20,000 visitors during the nine-day event, two-thirds went to see the \$28,-45,000 houses at Mountainbrook; one-third, the \$13,-15,000 houses at Clanton Park.

... 2. Then they asked the people what they wanted

Are you building the right house for *your* market? Note this additional parade benefit: the opportunity to find out what your potential customers really want in a house.

Fully two years ago Charlotte builders decided to use this opportunity. With the help of the parade committee, executive director Bob Barker put together a 38-part questionnaire, labeled it a survey to "Tell us how you would like to have your home built."

Distributed and collected at the parade sites, the questionnaires proved to be as nose-y as a mortgage. Some typical questions:

Do you prefer a compact design based on built-in features and equipment, or more square footage of

floor space to which you can add improvements?

Where do you want a fireplace?

What bath arrangement do you prefer?

To induce the biggest possible response, the Charlotte builders offered an alluring prize: the down payment and closing costs on a \$15,000 pre-fab house (donated by Wright Homes Inc.). To be eligible to win, visitors had to turn in complete answers to the questionnaire. The prize was good enough to get more than 4,000 people to take the ten minutes needed to answer all 38 questions.

[The composite picture of Charlotte's dream house will be presented in an early issue of *AMERICAN BUILDER*, along with details of the house Wright will build in accordance with this picture.]

... 3. And when they demonstrated, they sold houses

Sold them fast, too. Within two weeks after the Parade, 12 of the 18 models were sold, including four in the higher-priced Mountainbrook section. Even more important—half the builders had one or more contracts in hand to duplicate their models, and nearly every one had several more "hot" prospects.

And there were other kinds of business. The excitement of this year's parade, for example, helped one Charlotte family make up their mind to build the house they liked at last year's parade. Last year they were tempted; this year they were *sold*.

What sold them? Primarily, the builders' efforts to accomplish the two objectives detailed above: 1) to sell the idea of home ownership, and 2) to

learn how to give home buyers what they want.

Here, for instance, is how one merchandising-minded builder sold home ownership, his house, and himself during the parade.

To get prospects to come and see his model he used all major advertising media—radio, TV, newspaper, direct mail.

Visitors were greeted at the front door, handed a brochure of the house by a hostess who made them feel welcome.

Signs pointed out and salesmen explained hidden values in construction.

The builder gave the buyer a chance to sound off via written comments (thus creating leads).

He followed up leads.

... 4. Rx for a good parade: make it easy for them ...



DIRECTIONAL SIGNS and adequate parking areas were part of master plan supervised by city traffic engineer for convenience of home buyers. More than 6,000—a third



of all visitors—came from out of town, including a thousand from other states. Merchandising, promotion attracted people from 19 states altogether.

HOMES, continued



"THIS IS WHAT WE WANT." Successful survey got home buyers to tell builders what they were looking for in a house by answering 38-part questionnaire (right). Al-

TELL US HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR HOME BUILT

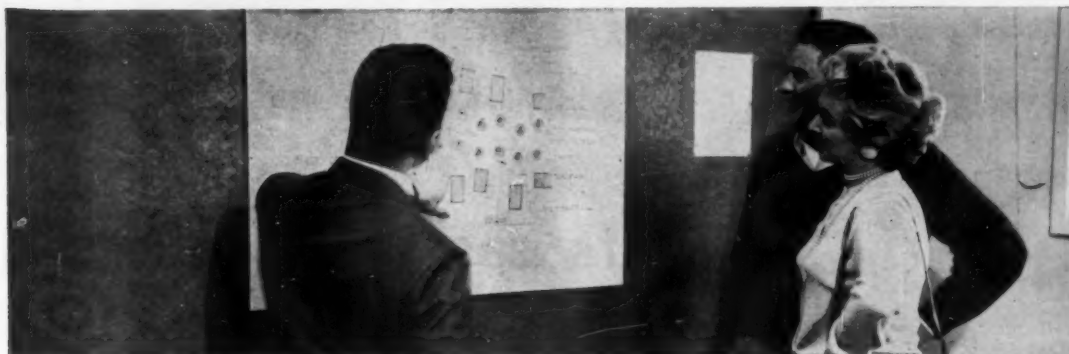
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IT IS SUGGESTED YOU READ ALL QUESTIONS BEFORE MARKING YOUR ANSWERS TO ANY

NAME THE NUMBER of Your First Choice in the Space Provided Before Each Question. You Must Answer Every Question to Qualify for the Prize.

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 - a) 1 or 2
 - b) 3 or 4
 - c) 5 or 6
 - d) 7 or 8
 - e) 9 or 10
 - f) 11 or 12
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 - i) 17 or 18
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2. How many of these persons are younger than 18 years of age?
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 - b) 3 or 4
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 - a) In home you own built since 1944
 - b) In home you own built before 1944
 - c) In apartment you rent
 - d) In home you rent
 - e) Other
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 - a) Under \$10,000
 - b) \$10,000 to \$12,500
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though form took ten minutes to fill in, more than 4,000 visitors did so, induced partly by chance to win down payment, closing costs on new \$15,000 house.



ENOUGH SALESMEN were on hand to answer questions, help customers with their choice of lot. Positioned in key places at the model homes, they were quick to

point out features, explain "hidden values" not readily visible to the buyers' eyes. After the Parade, they made personal calls to follow up leads created at the site.

... and get them all into the act



THE WHOLE TOWN played a part in making the Parade a success. Kiwanians provided bumper cards, directional signs, manpower, turned over receipts to Girl Scouts. By



making it a community promotion, the builders got support of business men, civic leaders, educators—and, perhaps most important—home seekers.

Fifth in a series:



Regent Homes president Ray

Johnson grooms his business

to win lenders' respect



He gets cash fast to build

Builder Ray Johnson spends a major portion of his business hours with his lenders. In a building operation as large as his (nearly 2,000 houses a year), there must be an unlimited source of ready cash, and he knows it well. The degree of his success is measured by the fact that in the Los Angeles area, where Johnson has established his most highly-developed program, no less than 37 lending institutions have agreed to give Regent Homes all the money it needs this year. It appears more than likely that the banks and savings and loans associations will write out a similar blank check for 1958. This will be based on Johnson's continuing command of banking men's respect, and confidence that in the lack of foreseeable pitfalls, next year's business prospects look bright. (See Forecast for 1958, page 57, this issue.)

That his formula can work anywhere is evident in Johnson's setting up similar operations in Sacramento (at the invitation of the Security Title Insurance Co.) and in San Diego.

Why is cash so readily available to Regent? Of course, one of the strongest reasons is profit. The lenders were charging an average 6.6 per cent interest and from three to four points premium in June. Now, rates on some of the loans have gone up to

7.2 per cent, with a premium of five points. Johnson passes many of the extra costs along to customer, who must be sold the house first and the financing second, much like an auto sale. Selling price of Regent homes ranges from \$4,590 to \$6,245.

But many other reasons loosen lender's purse strings. As Philip Bishop, executive vice-president, Prudential Savings and Loan Assn. in San Gabriel, puts it: "The houses are presold and we never have the problem of an unoccupied house. Nor have we ever had a foreclosure or serious delinquency in one of these properties."

"They are relatively easy to finance inasmuch as the borrower is usually availing himself of an existing equity in the property which he already owns. Also, we have never experienced any difficulties in the contractual arrangements between Mr. Johnson and his customers in the actual construction of the properties."

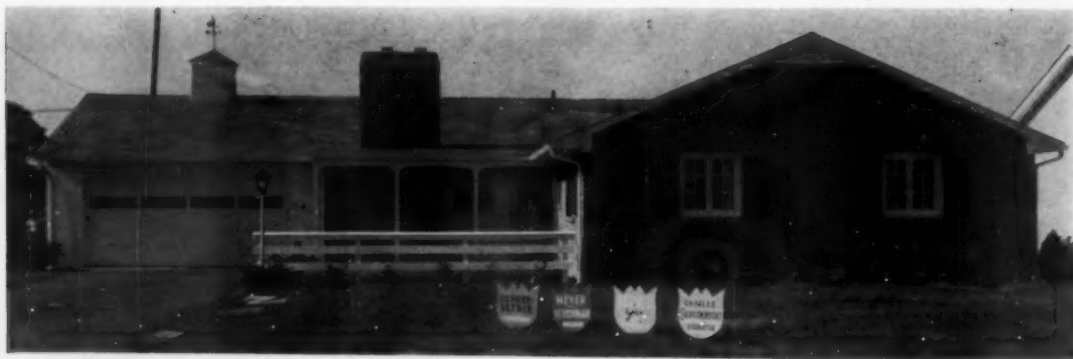
Flow of day-to-day funds is controlled by Builders Disbursing Service, a separate company owned and operated by Regent. This constitutes another spur to lenders' confidence in Regent, since BDS is bonded against mingling money on hundreds of jobs in progress at one time. BDS disburses all payments to subs.



low-cost houses like these

EIGHT STEPS TO FINANCING A REGENT HOMES SALE

- 1 ORIGINAL SALE** of Regent idea is made to property owner by one of salesmen from a Regent-owned company. (See August 1957 American Builder for organizational set-up.)
- 2 SALES AND FINANCE** manager of the subsidiary company must then approve sale. Once ok'ed, processor prepares a loan application which includes all necessary data.
- 3 LENDER** comes into the picture now. Sales and finance manager takes loan application to savings and loan. Companies have several sources of funds—distribute loans evenly.
- 4 APPRAISAL** of property is then made by lender who knows all about house and building techniques, and needs only to appraise lot. Firm commitment usually comes in 2-4 days.
- 5 PROPERTY OWNERS** come to Regent company office, where salesman, sales and finance manager "sell" him commitment. When owner agrees, preliminary escrow papers are signed.
- 6 PRELIMINARY** title search is now made, a copy of which goes to the company to clear up problems. Also, at this time, a credit report is secured on the customer by Regent.
- 7 AGREEMENT** is prepared by lender. This, plus note and trust deed, is then signed by the owner either at the Regent company office or at lenders' office. Deal is now completed.
- 8 RECORDATION** is duly made, and company starts the wheels rolling for construction of another Regent home. Constant repetition eliminates snags, puts emphasis on selling.



LONG L-SHAPE makes this a big house for \$24,800. (Stripped of extras, and without garage: \$19,100.) En-

closed and fenced walkway from garage is both sensible and highly decorative. Lamp by garage is gas-lit.



They use traditional trim over a floor plan as up-to-date as tomorrow

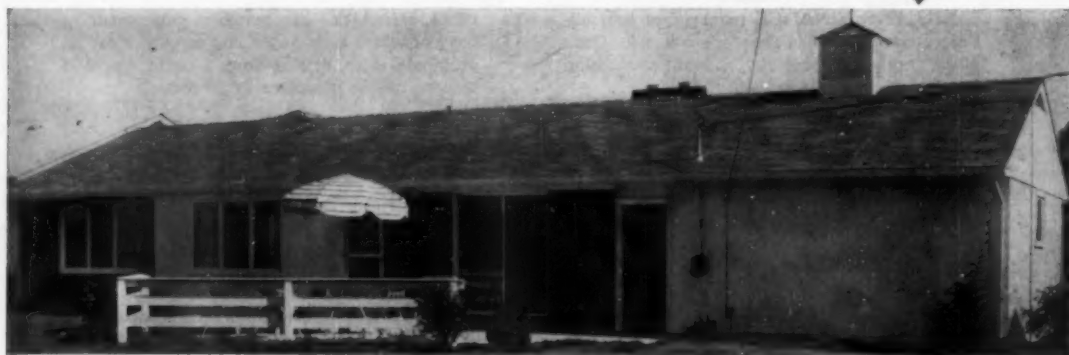
**AMERICAN
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Builders John Meyer (right, above) and Ray Heischman have created quite a stir in the Columbus, Ohio, area with this extras-packed, traditionally-trimmed house. In a carefully land-

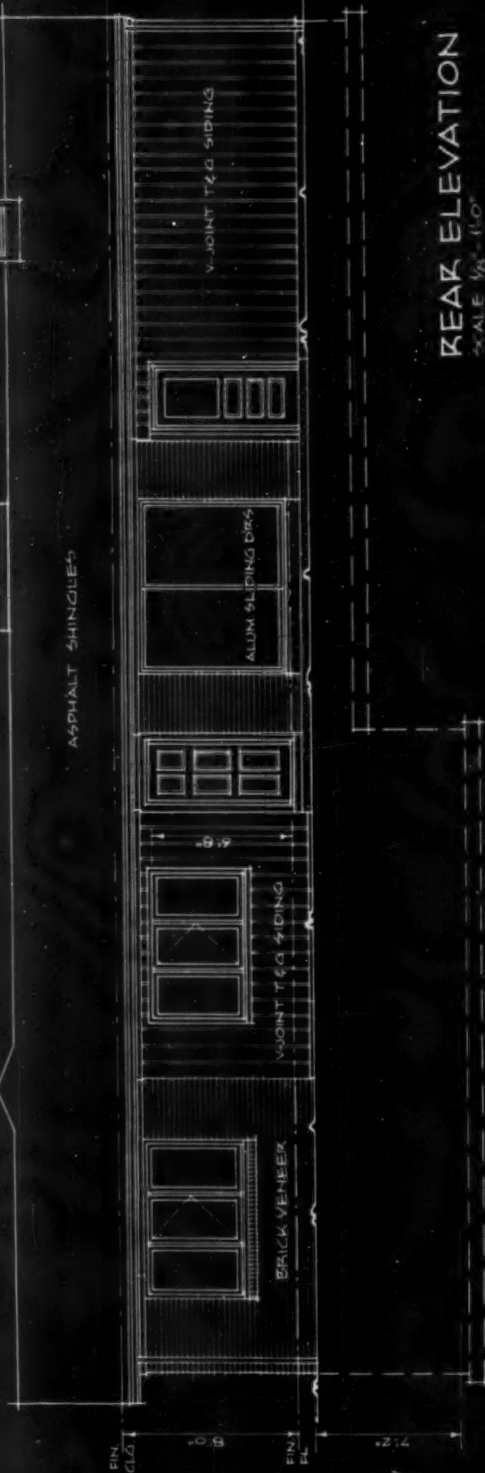
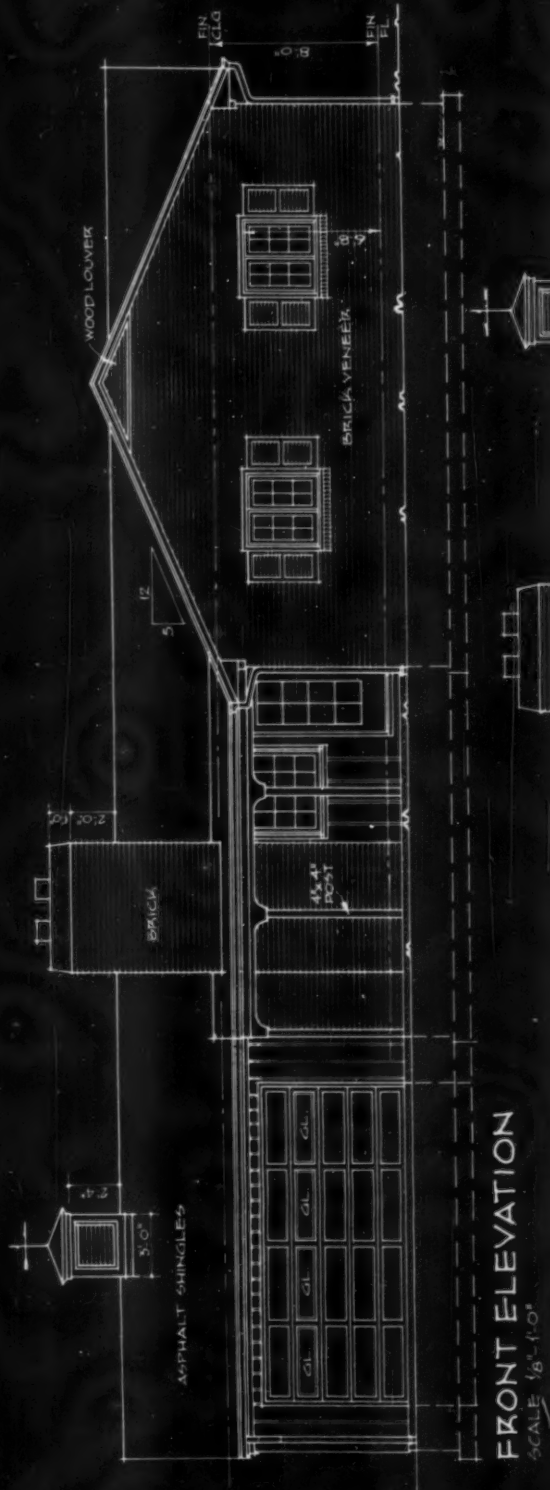
planned subdivision which folds over a hilly section of Worthington, a Columbus suburb, the builders have erected 20 variations of this plan. Architect Paul Snouffer of Worthington did the designing.

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FOCAL POINT of rear elevation is unusual triangular-shaped patio leading off area between family and living

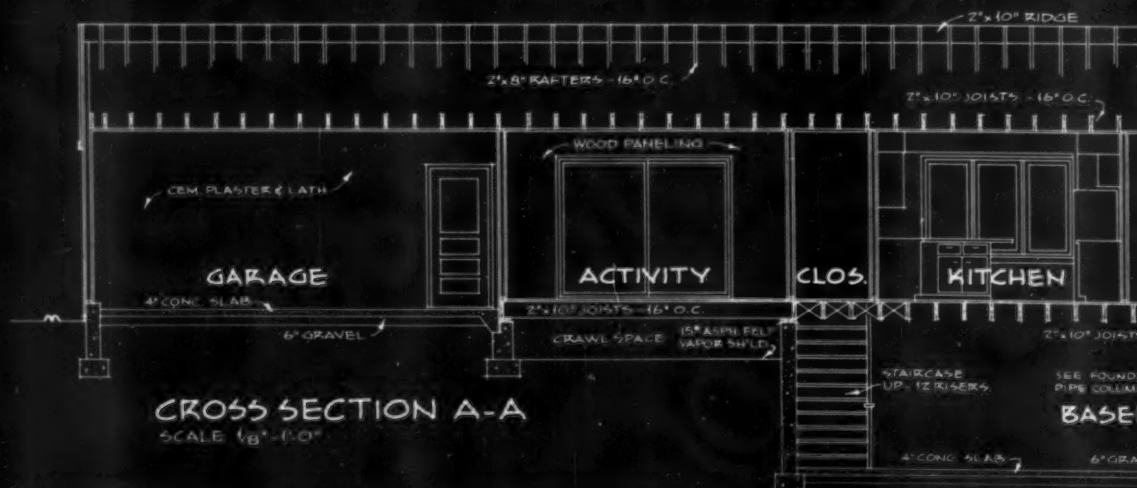
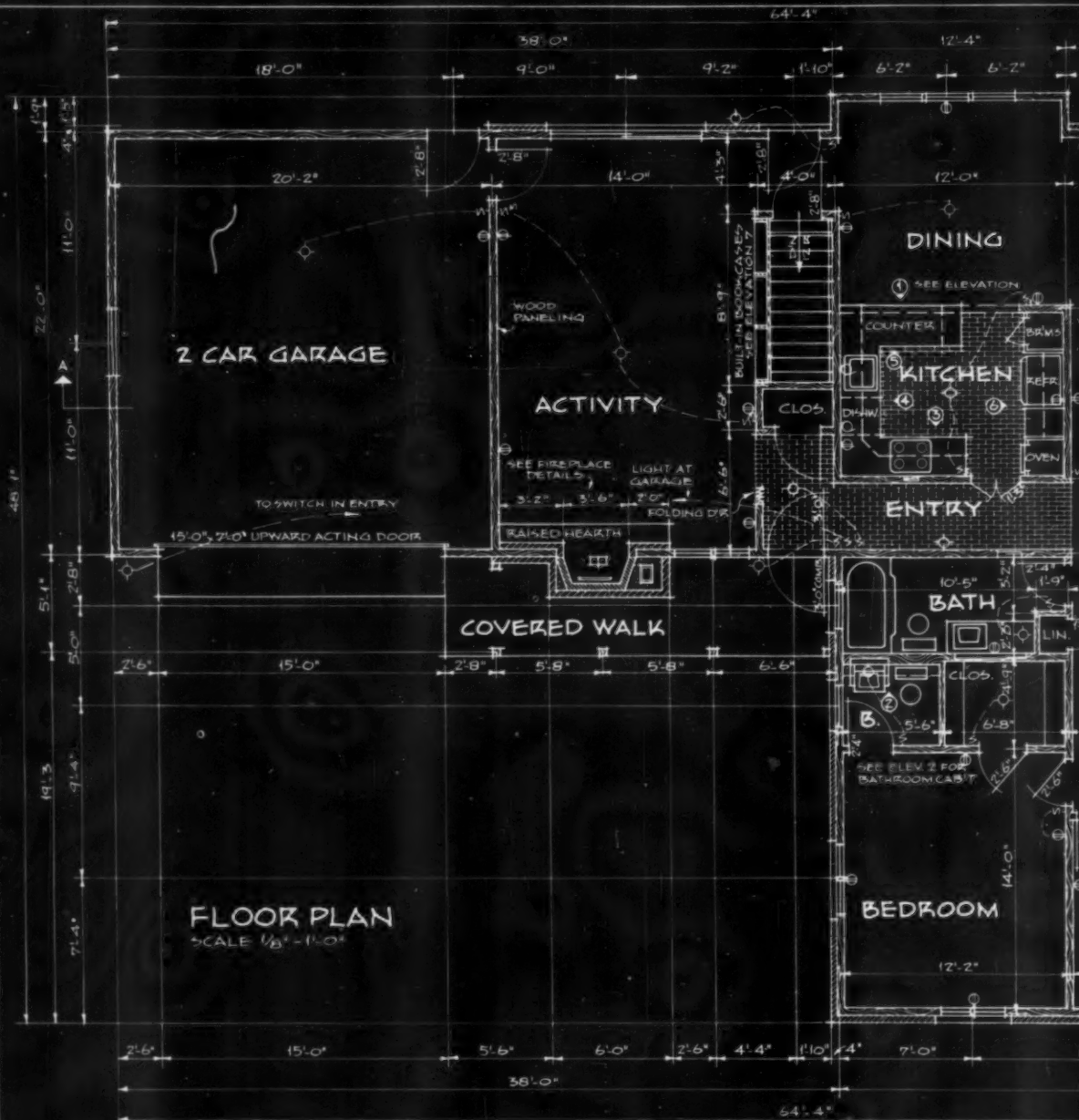
rooms via sliding-glass doors. "Indoor-outdoor" concept is not new in area, but is still a sales-aiding extra.

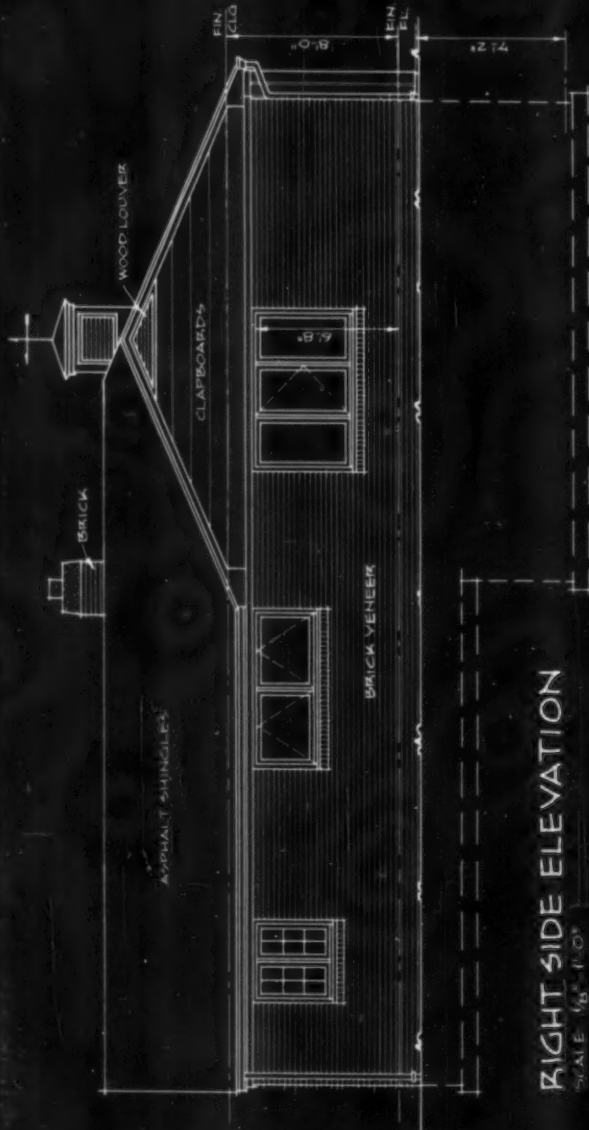


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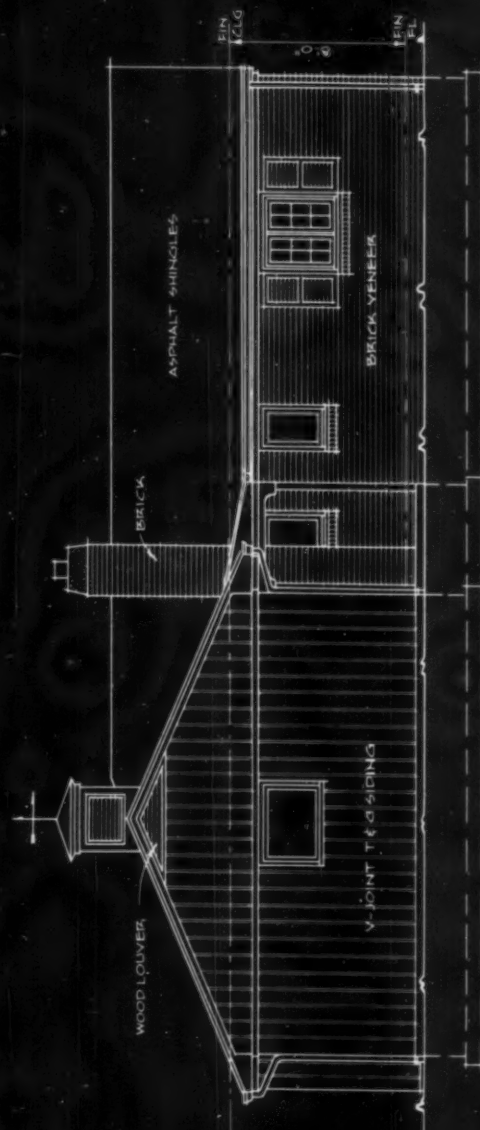
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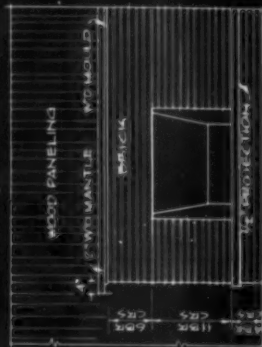




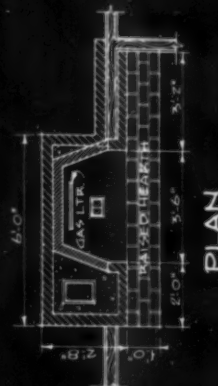
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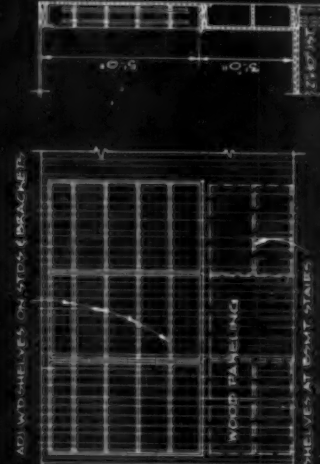
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FIREPLACE ELEVATION
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PLAN



BOOKCASE ELEV. 7
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SECTION



BIG BRICK FIREPLACE with raised brick hearth dominates family room which features quiet, cork tile floor, wood paneling on end wall and built-in book shelves, out of picture to left. Family room adjoins kitchen, above,



which features gas refrigerator, built-in gas range and oven, dishwasher and garbage disposal, all included with house—at top price. Extended countertop facilitates serving tray on wheels. Backsplash is steel tile.



MODERN PLAN—TRADITIONAL TRIM, continued

They make the kitchen and family room a "living center" of the house

QUANTITY MATERIAL LIST

House Area Frame Ranch Area 1,636 sq. ft.

CONCRETE WORK

Location	Actual	Actual +5%
Foundation Footing	356 cu. ft.	
Porch Footing	20 cu. ft.	
Chimney Footing	12 cu. ft.	
Foundation Walls 7'0"	607 cu. ft.	
Foundation Walls 4'0"	611 cu. ft.	
Porch Cheeks	59 cu. ft.	
Chimney Stack	45 cu. ft.	
Cellar Slab	220 cu. ft.	
Garage Slab	147 cu. ft.	
Pier Footings	12 cu. ft.	
Concrete Pier	7 cu. ft.	
Garage Apron	15 cu. ft.	
	2,111 cu. ft.	2,217 cu. ft. or 82 cu. yds.

STRUCTURAL STEEL

Location	Description	Amount
Girder	8" WF—27 lin. ft.	1 piece
Lolly Columns	3" pipe	2 pieces
Bridge Irons		16 pieces
Fire Place Lintel	4 x 4 x 1/4 angle	2 pieces
Girder	8" WF—25 lin. ft.	1 piece

TILE WORK

Location	Description	Amount
Bath Floors	Ceramic	45 sq. ft.

(Continued on page 164)

Builders Meyer and Heischman have been keeping their eyes and minds open toward customer preferences in new housing. What they discovered was a consistent admission by Mrs. Homeowner somewhat along these lines: "... Yes, we finished off our family room for the children, but, you know, now my husband and I spend more time with *our* friends in that room than the children do."

The builders translated this to mean the whole family and *particularly* the grown-ups. With this knowledge of family living habits to guide them, they made the family room, shown above, sizeable enough for the whole family, and then poured in extras: one wall full of built-in bookshelves, an attractive fireplace with a raised hearth, and wood paneling above the mantel.

Then, moving to the kitchen, they made it all-gas (and won promotional cooperation from Ohio Fuel Gas Co.), and dropped in every appliance the housewife needs. And then, added the finishing, sales prompting touch: year-round air-conditioning.



MODERN PLAN—TRADITIONAL TRIM, continued

They build in plenty of storage space



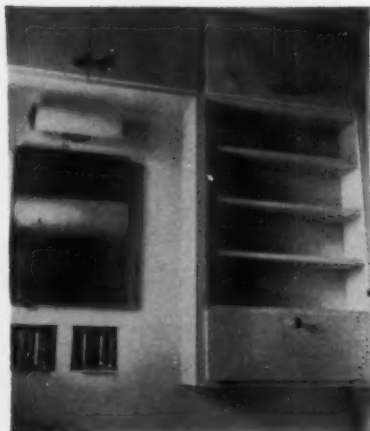
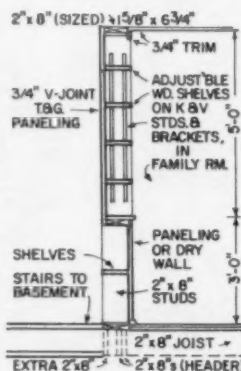
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WIDENING PARTITION, a simple construction trick, permitted builders Meyer and Heischman to build in shelves for family room, and to permit extra storage space along basement stairwell wall, as sketch at right illustrates. Wood paneling on family room wall adds much to total effect.



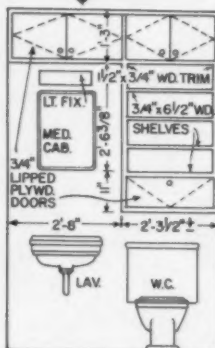
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PLENTY OF EXTRA storage space goes into half-bath off master bedroom. Builders made good use of space available here since room is small. Shelves and cabinets are out of the way, yet convenient to reach. Cabinets above medicine chest are large enough to store towels; have sliding doors.

PRODUCTS USED IN THIS BLUEPRINT HOUSE

Servel air conditioning, heating; Servel refrigerator; Roper range and oven; Insinkerator dishwasher, garbage disposal; Patrician Tradewind hood and exhaust fan; American Standard bath fixtures; Virden, Hall-cotite and Spear electrical fixtures; Crown steel wall tile; Rex water

heater; Curtis drywall; Visqueen vapor barrier; Graf garage door; Formica counters; Armstrong Corlon tile and linoleum; Kentile tile; oak floors; Weiser hardware; Maloney sliding doors; Pella casements; Johns-Manville roofing, sheathing; Somerset Santex brick veneer.

There's nothing so powerful as an idea!



The editors of Better Homes & Gardens have an uncanny ability to latch onto exciting new ideas and turn them into nation-wide trends. That's because they know what kind of ideas their home-and-family loving readers want—often before their readers do.

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This simple cost-control



THE MEN WHO SET UP and run the cost-control system for Boyd-Jackson are (L to R) Henry Jackson, president, Edward Jackson, secretary-treasurer, and W. Waring Milam, of Milam & Milam, accountants.

Builder Joe Blow has finished his house and is ready to put it on the market. From his tool box he takes a crumpled pile of invoices; from the back of an old piece of sandpaper he reads the hours his men have worked on the house. He adds everything up, tacks on something for overhead and profit, and that's the price tag for the house. Simple. Doesn't take any time. What could be better?

Wait a minute! Suppose the house turns out to have a lot more money in it than planned? Had Joe known this earlier, he might have caught the trouble, maybe reduced some extras, pulled the cost back where it belonged. Now he has to over-price the house, may lose money on it. Or perhaps a buyer comes along when the house is half done and wants to buy. How much? Joe can't wait to finish to figure a price, but he won't know his costs till he is finished. What does he do? Guess?

What Joe needs, of course, is some sort of cost-control system like the one shown here. According to Ed Jackson, who runs it for the Boyd-Jackson Corp. of Atlanta, Ga., it's simple, flexible, and will serve a builder if he builds two houses a year or a hundred. The small builder can do his posting by hand; the larger man like Boyd-Jackson, building 70 assorted houses a year, can install a machine—in this case, the Burroughs Sensimatic—which will be the equal of a good bookkeeper. The system is equally good in both cases.

Here are the system's principal components:

JOB COST SUMMARY			
BOYD-JACKSON CORPORATION			
P. O. BOX 125, NORTH ATLANTA 19, GEORGIA			
FOR	COMPLETED HOUSE	LOCATION	Est. # E. M. I.
1. PRELIMINARY COSTS			
2. Building Permit	4.00+		
3. Drawings	156.40+		
4. Water Meter	60.00+		
5. Sewer Stub	50.00+		
7. Insurance	23.01+		
9.			
2. GRADING AND FOUNDATION	130.76+		
1. Rough Grading			
2. Layout	11.80+		
3. Filling Excavation	54.60+		
4. Concrete for Footings	373.66+		
5. Foundation Wall	109.18+		
9.	11.15+		
10.			
3. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION	318.95+		
1. Framing Lumber	152.72+		
3. Metal Window	201.00+		
4.	168.54+		
6. Rough Hardware	36.08+		
7. Basement slabs	161.48+		
8. Exterior Walls			
9. Carpentry Labor	103.55+		
10. Common Labor	185.97+		
17.			
18.			
4. SUB-CONTRACTORS			
1. Glass	9.20+		
2. Plumbing	438.50+		
4. Heating	500.00+		
3. Electrical	250.00+		
5. Roofing	215.74+		
6. Sheet Metal	24.01+		
7. Blower Rack	969.44+		
9. Ceramic Tile	251.00+		
10. Floor Covering			
11. Cabinet Work	353.37+		
12. Weatherstripping and Insulation	7.00+		
13. Ornamental Iron			
14. Painting	400.00+		
16. Floor Finishing	110.00+		
19.			
5. OUTSIDE WORK			
1. Walls, Retaining Walls and Drives	65.00+		
3.			
4. Cleaning Windows	86+		
5. Payroll, Taxes & Workmen's Comp Ins	98.46+		
6.			
7. Landscaping and Finish Grading	25.00+		
8. Telephone			
9. Repair			
10. VA Inspection	5.00+		
11. Overhead and Supply	174.30+		
12.			
13.			
6. GENERAL EXPENSE			
1. Survey	6.46+		
2. Construction Loan	36.00+		
3. Taxes			
5. Lot			
4. Sales Expense			
6. Final Loan			
7.			
TOTAL	6,246.35+		

JOB-COST SUMMARY is the first sheet set up, remains as permanent record of cost of every part of the job. If desired, estimated costs can be posted as shown, checked against partial and final costs in other columns.

JOB-COST SUMMARY. This is the first sheet set up by the builder. The house is broken down first into main categories, which are numbered, then into sub-categories, or actual operations, also numbered. The breakdown shown is Boyd-Jackson's; other builders may do it differently. When

system can save you money

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◀ **CONSTRUCTION**-in-progress ledger is the heart of the system. There is a sheet for each main heading from the job-cost summary; charges are entered from invoices and a running total maintained. Thus builder knows money spent in each category, can quickly find money spent on the whole job.

COMBINED-INVOICE REGISTER and job-cost journal carries all construction-ledger entries, left, showing how money was spent, and all vendors' cards, showing where money is owed and spent. The two totals must balance. Register provides a check on all entries for all jobs.

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the house is finished, this sheet will be a permanent record of the cost of each item, and as these records are accumulated, they can be used as the basis for extremely accurate estimating of future jobs.

Before the job starts, it may be desirable to enter here, in another column, the estimates for each part of the job for comparison with final costs. Partial costs, to help keep track of progress, may also be entered.

CONSTRUCTION-IN-PROGRESS LEDGER. Here is where the builder keeps track of his current expenses on each house. As shown, a card is set up for each of the main categories from the job-cost summary sheet. Listed on the card at the top are

the sub-headings under that category, and the job number. The entries, from left to right, are: the balance from the previous entry on the line above; the date of entry; a code number, referring to the supplier or sub contractor (known as the vendor); a reference number consisting of the invoice number, (or check number if there's no invoice); a decimal point, then a number whose first digit is the main category and whose second digit is the appropriate sub-heading; next, the charge or credit on the invoice; and finally the balance, which is the total of all charges and credits on the sheet to date.

Thus in the illustration, the first line says there
(Continued on page 162)

COMING IN DECEMBER . . .
. . . WINNERS IN OUR
BEST MODEL HOME CONTEST:

Here
are
SPECIAL
PRIZES
for best
"HIDDEN-
VALUES"
merchandising



TOP AWARD among special prizes for best merchandising of "Hidden Values": International Harvester A-110 Series Truck (list: about \$2,350).

Builders doing an outstanding job of merchandising "Hidden Values" in a model home will cash in next month. The valuable prizes shown here and on the next eight pages will be awarded to winners. A special feature of AMERICAN BUILDER'S annual Best Model Home Contest, these prizes for "Hidden-Values" merchandising will be given in addition to the regular Contest awards.

A "Hidden Value" is a product or technique that adds to the life, strength or value of the building, but whose presence or inner quality cannot be seen in the finished structure.

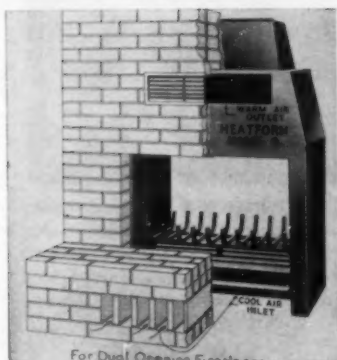
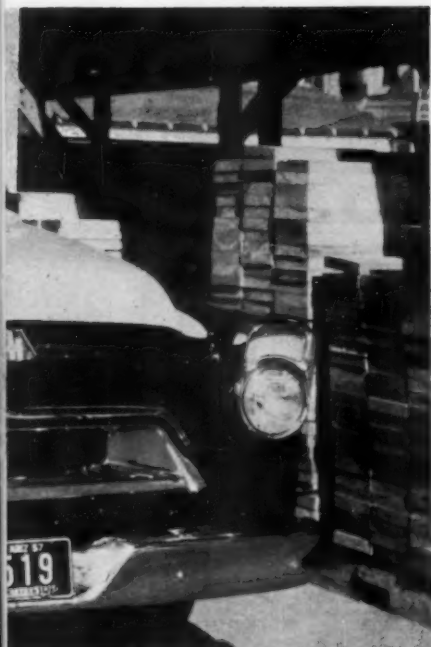
All builder-winners, both for model homes and "Hidden-Value" merchandising, will be announced in the December issue. Contest closed Oct. 21.



STAINLESS STEEL TOP with sink bowl on either the left or right side is featured in cabinet sink donated as contest prize by Tracy Manufacturing Co. Cabinet comes in four colors, with drawer and two cabinets.



CABINET SINK from Youngstown Kitchens will be among the prizes. Of deep-drawn enameled steel, the 54" standard cabinet has two drainboards, plenty of storage space, room for waste disposer installation.



\$100 CREDIT on this model D Heat-form fireplace will be given by Superior Fireplace Co., as well as its Protecto Log Rest (retailing at \$12.50).



COMBINATION weatherstripping and sash balance is this Dura-Seal unit to be given by Zegers, Inc. for best "Hidden Values" merchandising.

Turn for more valuable prizes ▶



ALUMINUM rolling door with screen is part of Capitol Product's \$1,000 prize donation. The rest: 5 prime slider windows, 5 combination storm-screen windows, 1 combination storm-screen door. All aluminum.



LAVATORY, 5' tub and toilet are prizes to be given by Eljer Co. In photo here are Arnold E. Thiesfeldt (L), adv. mgr., and Loren H. Bonnett, gen. sales mgr., for Eljer. All fixtures feature brass and will come in white.

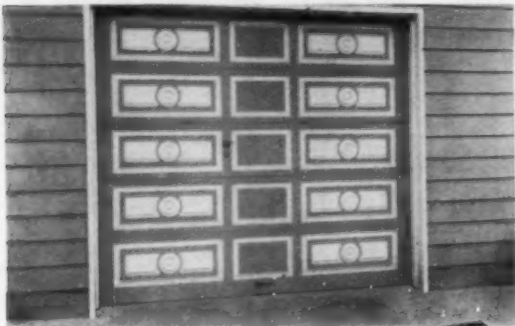


MODERN cover pan of Perfection Industries' new gas-fired heating unit shown here blends with room. Heater, which is 70th anniversary model MG100, is being given as one of prizes by Perfection. Unit has 100,000 BTU input.



THIS MODERN Welbilt-In oven, broiler and surface cooking unit are the prizes which will be offered by Welbilt Corp., Maspeth, N.Y., as a major prize in the competition for best merchandising of "Hidden Values" in a model home.

MORE PRIZES FOR "HIDDEN-VALUE" CONTEST WINNERS



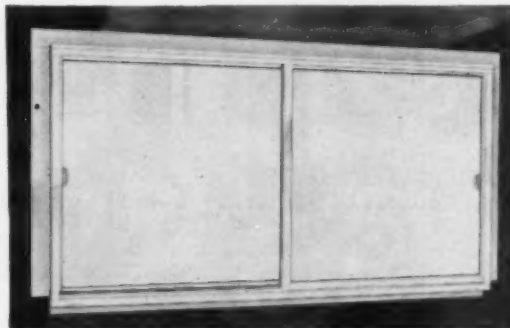
REGENCY MODEL garage door has raised carved panel designs. Presented as a contest prize by Ridge Door Co., the unit is upward-acting, measures eight feet wide by seven feet high. Regency is one of many styles made by Ridge for residential use.



COMPLETE KITCHEN cabinet fittings in natural birch will be given to a "Hidden-Value" Contest winner by Colonial Products. Their Yorktowne Kitchen, valued at \$350, may be of cabinets such as those illustrated above, or in another design suited to winner's house.



HURRICANE PROTECTION is offered as a "Hidden-Value" prize by Flintkote. Enough Seal-Tab Shingles for a complete roof will go to the winning builder. The shingles have a self-sealing strip on the underside which permits them to bond into a weather-proof roof.



HORIZONTAL SLIDING WINDOWS for a prize winner's house donated by Kewanee Manufacturing Co. Approximate value: up to \$500. These weather-tight, weather-durable windows are described as easy to install and engineered for easy operation as well.



SHOWER STALL doors and Tub-master tub enclosures for the bathrooms in one house will be supplied to a "Hidden-Value" winner by Modernfold Doors. Value: about \$100.



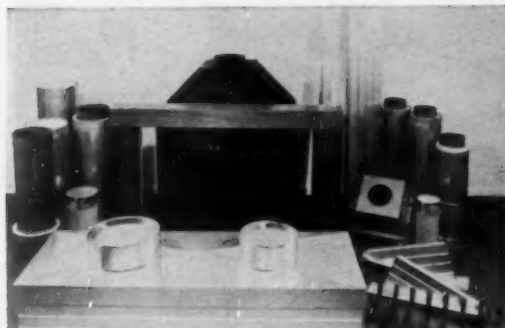
BUILT-IN VACUUM system with 3 or 4 inlet valves is prize donation from H-P Products. Vacu-Flo power unit (above), tubing, fittings are installed in walls. Value: \$300.



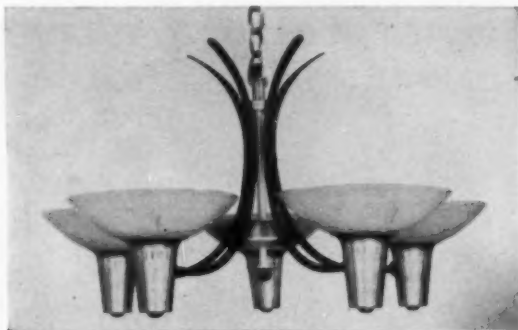
STEEL FIREPLACE UNIT and a steel basement entranceway will be among the special "Hidden-Value" prizes. Given by Heatilator Inc., both units can be easily installed in house.



"HIDDEN-VALUE" PRIZE for a winner in merchandising "Hidden-Values". Insulite will sheath a house for the winning builder. Contest donation is 1,000 sq. ft. of Bildrite Sheathing from Insulite. Panels speed construction, provide structural insulation for house.



MODULAR FIREPLACE components include a fireplace unit, roof housing, traditional or contemporary mahogany mantle, marble mantle facing and hearth, grate, flexible screen, fireplace flues, flues for adjacent heating plant. Valued at \$450 from Modular Building Components.



CONTEMPORARY LIGHTING for the dining room is offered by Globe Lighting Products. A "Hidden-Value" Contest winner will receive this striking Globe chandelier (No. G213), styled for use in the dining room or hallway of a contemporary house.



PORTABLE HEATER from Master Vibrator will help a prize-winning builder through the winter season. Valued at \$205, the B-100 forced-air heater weighs only 78 lbs., can be handled easily by one man. Capacity is 100,000 BTU's per hr. Will run 12 hrs. on one fueling.



WOOD FOLDING DOORS donated by Rolscreen Co. for a contest winner. Pella door is six feet wide, six feet and eight inches high. Will be supplied in either pine or mahogany, finished. Durable, functional doors can match woodwork or walls perfectly.



INTERCHANGEABLE GLAZING is possible in this Series 1000 aluminum sliding glass door. Offered as a "Hidden-Value" prize by Frank B. Miller Mfg., the door has retail value of \$187.25. A sliding screen valued at \$45 also will be included with Miller's donation.

MORE PRIZES FOR "HIDDEN-VALUE" CONTEST WINNERS



MASONRY CHIMNEY, factory-built, is a "Hidden-Value" prize from Van-Packer. Approved for all flues, the eight-foot chimney comes completely packed in conveniently labeled cartons. Can be installed in three man hours or less, is designed to outlast the building it serves.



VINYL PLASTIC FLOOR of Gold Seal "Berylstone" (above) or a Gold Seal Vinylbest "Brushwood" tile floor is offered by Congoleum-Nairn as a contest prize. Winning builder can make choice of flooring, which, in either case, will retail at \$100.



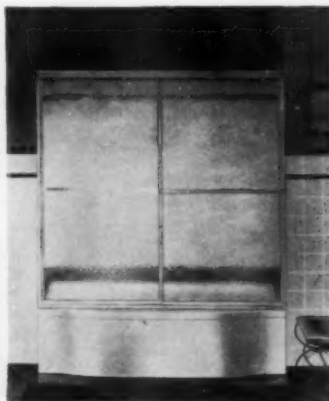
AN AIR CONDITIONER is Coleman Company's prize offering. Winner will receive this two-ton Coleman Polar-Pak self-contained waterless a/c, valued at \$540. Polar-Pak has a two-compressor system which allows for easier and more flexible installation.



ATTIC VENTILATOR from Diehl Manufacturing is another "Hidden-Value" Contest prize. Diehl's 24" Type PA16 "Pancake" package attic ventilator fits between ceiling joints. Offered with an AXC 32-32 shutter. Valued at \$90 for fan and \$16 for shutter.



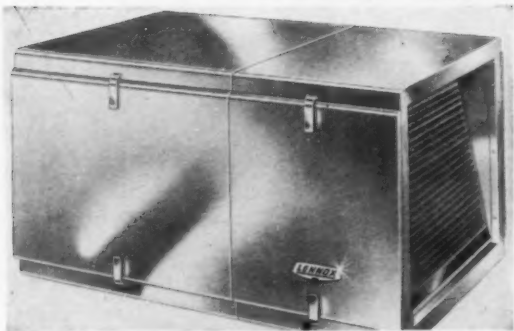
SUBMERSIBLE PUMP for any installation, shallow or deep well, is prize from Rapidayton Div. of Tait Mfg. Co. This 1/2 H.P. 2-wire "Dolphin" is capable of reaching to 360 ft.



TUB AND SHOWER doors from Theodore Efron combine to make a contest prize of \$110. Glass Show-Rite tub enclosure will fit 5' recessed tub. Door fits 24" width.



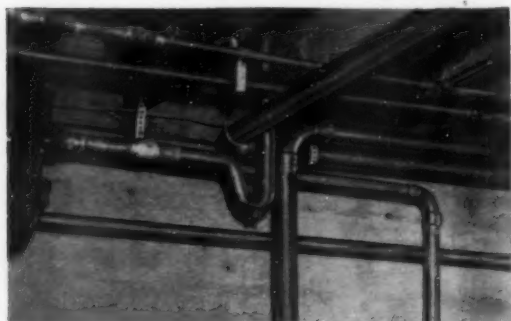
COMPLETE HARDWARE for a three-bedroom home is Dexter Lock's prize. Includes exterior locks, interior locks, sash locks and lifts, kitchen cabinet hinges, screen doors sets.



NEW HEATING SYSTEM offered to contest winner by Lennox. Valued at \$2,000, the system has indoor heat pump (shown) and outdoor compressor. Horizontal-flo indoor unit has 3- and 5-ton cooling capacities; extra large rippled fin coil for efficient cooling and heating.



IMPERIAL LOOK in the dining room from Jay Lighting's specially-treated brass fixture. This prize has 24" width, 22" length, 5 lights with imported hand decorated glass shades. Designed to fit today's new dining-room size and still add distinction to the room.



"HIDDEN-VALUE" PRIZE for a winner in the "Hidden-Value" Contest . . . copper water tubing for the plumbing, heating and drainage lines for one home. Revere Copper and Brass is donating the prize. Copper tubing adds to durability and service of plumbing and heating systems.



BATH SET, offered by Gerber Plumbing Fixtures, has porcelain enameled steel recessed tub; ledge-type lavatory; water closet with reverse trap. "Bermuda De-Luxe Bath Set" is available to winning builder in a choice of blue, green, tan, pink, yellow or gray.



PREFAB CHIMNEY for all fuels goes to "Hidden-Value" contest winner from Condensation Engineering Corp. Packaged chimney comes in 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12-inch diameters.

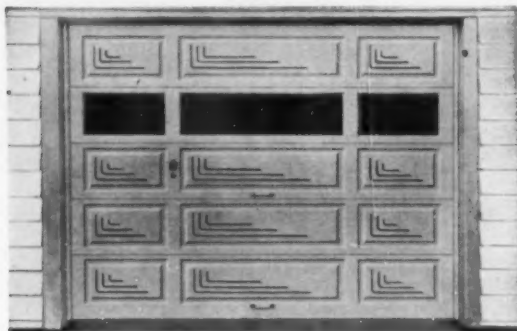


COMPLETE BATH fixtures donated by Ingersoll-Humphreys include Wall-Hung Closet Combination and End Outlet Bathtub; vanity lavatory; trip lever waste; center set fittings; frame.



CHARCOAL BRAZIER for patio is contest prize given by Chattanooga Royal Co. Retailing for \$114.95, unit has electric spit, power-driven shishkebab set and hood.

MORE "HIDDEN-VALUE" PRIZES FOR CONTEST WINNERS



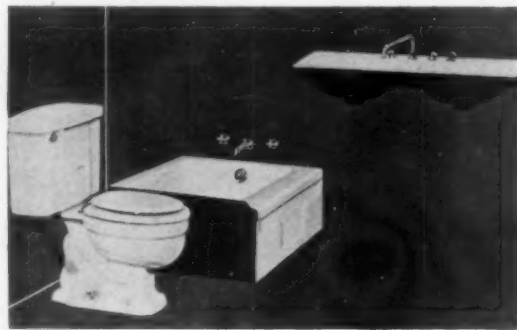
GARAGE DOOR with raised sectional panels and one section of glass windows is given by Calder Manufacturing Co. as a "Hidden-Value" prize. Door is upward-acting, has a retail value of approximately \$125. Will give a nice finish to a new garage.



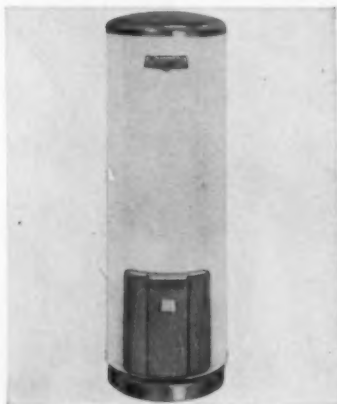
"HIDDEN-VALUE" in a contest prize donated by Reflectal Corporation. Prize is 2,000 sq. ft. of Alfol Reflective Insulation, Type 2. Insulation of aluminum foil serves to reflect extreme heat and cold, keeping house cooler in summer, warmer in winter.



HOT WATER HEATING with a Model K Packet is contest prize donated by National-U.S. Radiator Corp. Available in both gas and oil, Packet includes factory wiring, controls mounted and ready to operate, operation efficiency, an abundance of domestic hot water for homeowner.



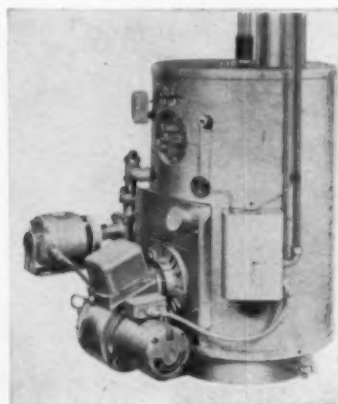
SPECIAL CONVENIENCE from three bathroom fixtures donated as contest prize by Alliance Ware. To give more traffic room in baths, company offers a "Junior" size 42" recess tub of porcelain on steel; close-coupled wash down closet combination; new double bowl lavatory.



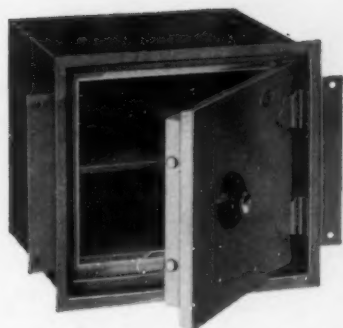
GAS WATER HEATER, glass-lined and automatic is A. O. Smith Corp.'s prize donation. Permaglas model PGO-50 is a slim, modern-looking, 50-gal. capacity unit.



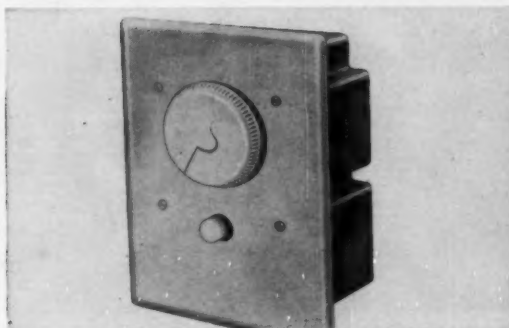
INSULATING FILL will be donated by Zonolite as a "Hidden-Value" prize. Winner will receive 75 bags of Zonolite vermiculite to increase house comfort, cut fuel, a/c costs.



SMALL BOILER that does a big job, the Koven 75, is contest prize from L. O. Koven. Completely packaged unit is wired and assembled, ready for fast installation.



TWO WALL VAULTS, valued at about \$50 each, will go to a "Hidden-Value" Contest winner from Meilink Steel Safe Co. "Hercules" residential vault is recessed to fit flush with wall, has heavy gauge double steel walls, a three-tumbler combination lock.



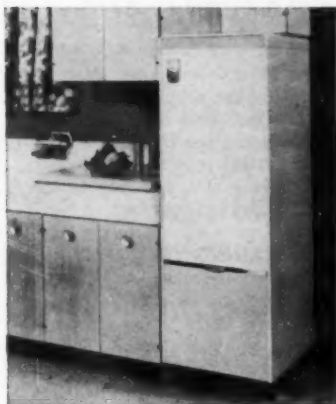
LIGHT REGULATION by means of Luxtrol units is offered by Superior Electric Co. as a "Hidden-Value" prize. Three Luxtrol WBD360 units, which allow graduate and variable light control by simply turning a dial, will go to the winning builder.



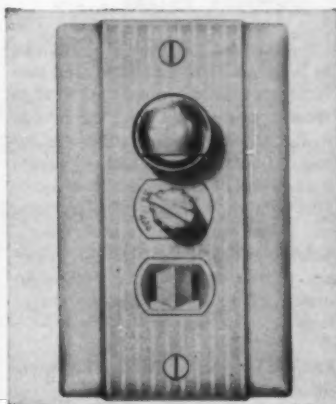
WINDOW VENTILATION for a new or remodeled home is prize contribution from Berns Air King Corp. Push button control of three speeds allows fresh air for entire 5-room home. Squarely-styled unit is extra thin, mounts practically flush with window.



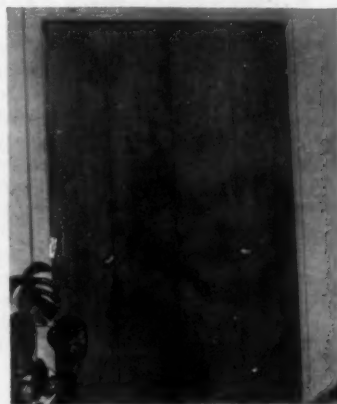
JALOUSIE DOOR with screen attachment or an aluminum combination storm-screen door is one of Capitol Product's prizes. Others, (all aluminum): one rolling door with Thermopane glass and screen; five prime sliding windows; five combination storm-screen windows.



TRIMMED IN COLOR, water heater has custom cabinet look, is designed to add attractiveness to kitchen, utility or family room. "Holiday" model given by Rheem Manufacturing.



"HIDDEN-VALUE" devices from Pass and Seymour will be one of contest prizes. Donation is \$100 worth of Roto-Glo Quiet Switches, duplex outlets and wall plates.



WOOD FOLDING DOORS for wardrobes and closets in one house, given as prize by Curtis Companies. In louvered or flush styles, Style-Trend doors valued between \$400-\$500.

MORE "HIDDEN-VALUE" PRIZES FOR CONTEST WINNERS



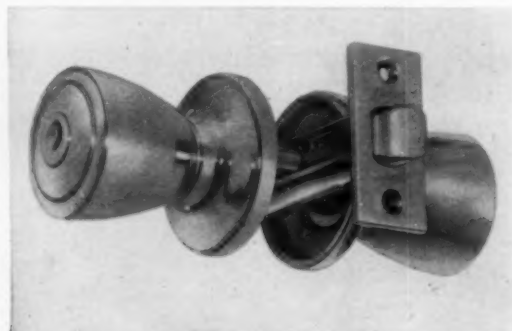
GOOD LOOKS for the garage and the house exterior with an upward acting Ro-Way door. Presented as a prize from Rowe Mfg. Co. in the "Hidden-Value" Contest is this four-sectional residential garage door. Features taper-tite track, seal-a-matic hinges, quality millwork.



UP-TO-DATE CLAPBOARD Autoclaved Siding for a house is prize donation from Ruberoid Co. Available in four colors and white, the siding is a combination of asbestos fiber and Portland cement, precured to form extra-strong material. Also features insulating backer board.



GREATER LIGHTING FLEXIBILITY with new selection of 100-watt recessed lighting fixtures in Atlite line. Atlas Electric Product Co. will donate eight of these fixtures to a "Hidden-Value" Contest winner. Retail value comes to \$100.



COMPLETE SET of "400" Line Bel Air design locksets for a home . . . given to a prize-winner by Kwikset Sales and Service Co. Prize includes exterior entry locks, passage door locksets, privacy locks for interior doors and exit door locksets.

► DON'T MISS THESE "EXTRA" CONTEST PRIZES . . .

PACKAGE OF PRODUCTS from Macklanburg-Duncan Company will consist of such items as weather-stripping, thresholds, closet rods, track for closet doors, house numbers, screen-door grilles and other items suitable for new home construction. Winning builder will receive an estimated \$200 worth of these items donated by M-D. All conveniently packed, labeled, and with instructions for easy installation. Products such as thresholds and closet-door tracks come in a variety of sizes and styles.

ONE COMPLETE KITCHEN counter and a bathroom will be fabricated in Textolite as a contest prize by General Electric's Chem-

ical and Metallurgical Div. Valued at between \$100 and \$200, the surfacing material comes in flexible sheets color-keyed to harmonize with kitchen units and other surfacings. Laminated Textolite resists heat, stains and scratches. It is available in a wide variety of more than 80 different patterns and colors. Choice of General Electric Textolite will be given to the builder to match decor of his kitchen, bathroom.

PLENTY OF VENTILATION is offered by Fasco Industries Inc. as its prize for a "Hidden-Value" Contest winner. Fasco will supply the winning builder with one of its new Power Ventilating Hoods in any

one of three desired finishes: white, copper or stainless steel. Also included for the contest winner is a No. 650 bathroom ventilator from Fasco. Should the builder be using the ventilators in a home with two baths, Fasco will also supply the second bath ventilator.

DISAPPEARING STAIRWAY, the Precision Super Deluxe Attic model, will be donated as a contest prize by Precision Parts Corp. Valued at \$125, the stairway features hydraulic safety checks to prevent its slamming on opening or closing. Has life-time roller bearings, insulated door panel, full-width safety treads. Stairway is actuated by counterweights, will fit any ceiling height.

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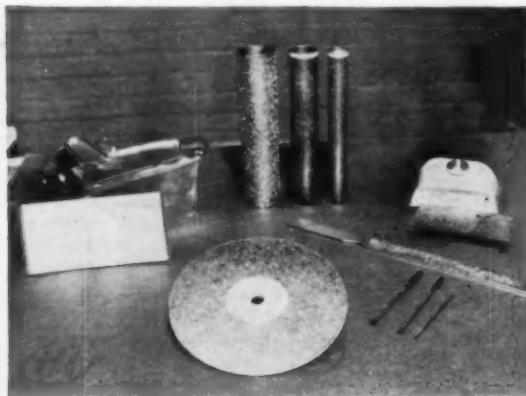
Things for builders to think about during December.

Tool abrasive saves time and material costs in sanding, cutting

Sandpaper may become obsolete in many new building and remodeling jobs, according to Skil Corp., tool makers. Reason: their new abrasive tools promise considerable cost-savings in sanding and cutting operations.

The abrasive is "Perma-Grit T-C," made by brazing tungsten-carbide grits on steel. Skil is offering six tools made from Perma-Grit. (See below and right.) The tools are recommended for use on wood, plastics, plaster and composition materials. And although use on metal products is not yet advised, builders test-using the new abrasives have reported they do a good cutting and sanding job on light metals such as aluminum extrusions.

Faster-action, extra long wear, continued sharpness, safety in use . . . are all features of the new tools. (Circle No. N7, p. 104.)



RECOMMENDED FOR A LONG LIFE are six types of tools made from new "Perma-Grit T-C" abrasive. In foreground, toothless saw blade which sands as it cuts. Far left, grit shoe for orbital sanders. Right rear, hand sander with grit shoe. Grit file, sleeves and rods also shown.



SHORT WORK of smoothing cemented drywall joints is made by this portable-powered orbital sander equipped with Perma-Grit abrasive shoe. Frequent changes of sandpaper are eliminated because grits withstand plaster's abrasiveness.



ANY SANDING JOB . . . on woods, wallboard, drywall joints and plastics can be done with the Gritter Hand Sander. Grits stay sharp, so give a faster sanding job. Sander is easily cleaned to eliminate "loading" problem from painted or varnished surfaces.



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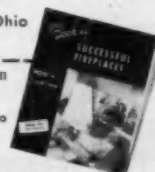
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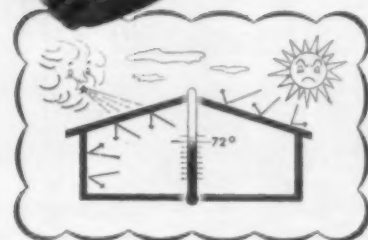
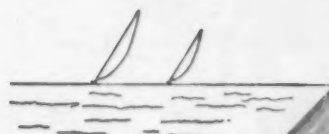
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Hardware saves space

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Time-saver tool cuts costs

Modern tool speeds up brick-laying time, lowers over-all costs. Dependable automatic corner level plumbs, levels, spaces, quickly and accurately. Provides quality workmanship with lower in-wall cost. More information from C. A. Rentfrow Co., Dept. AB, P. O. Box 242, Arcadia, Fla.

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Living room, Powers Apartments, Houston, Texas.

NEW GOLD BOND TRI-DEK PUTS SELL IN THESE HOUSTON APARTMENTS

This handsome open-beam ceiling is built with Gold Bond Tri-Dek—and all the other upper floor ceilings are just like it in this smart new 58-unit apartment building in Houston, Texas. James J. Powers, owner of these Powers Apartments, reports that Tri-Dek "gives us an extra talking point when renting our apartments." Tri-Dek will give *you* extra sales points for every house you build.

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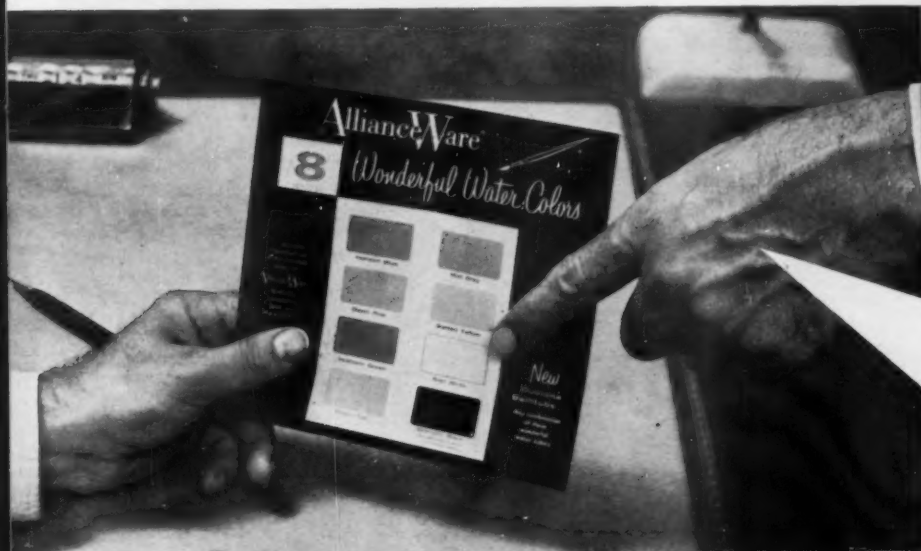
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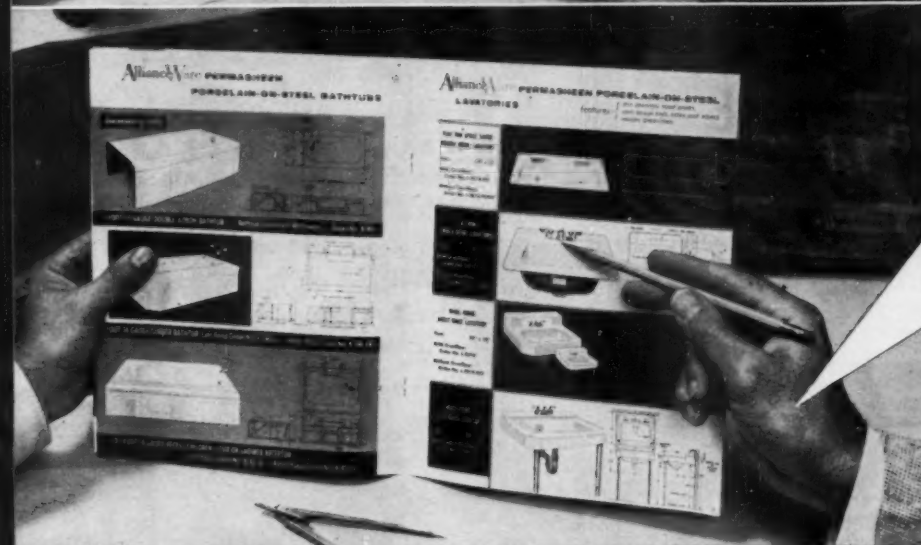
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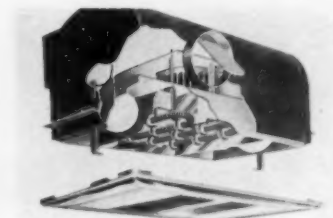
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Fan, light, heat in one unit

Space-saving unit for bathroom ceilings is the fan-light-heater combination. Has rapid-heating coil with reflector for even heat; quiet-operation fan; glareless diffused illumination. Emerson-Pryne Co., Dept. AB, Pomona, Cal.

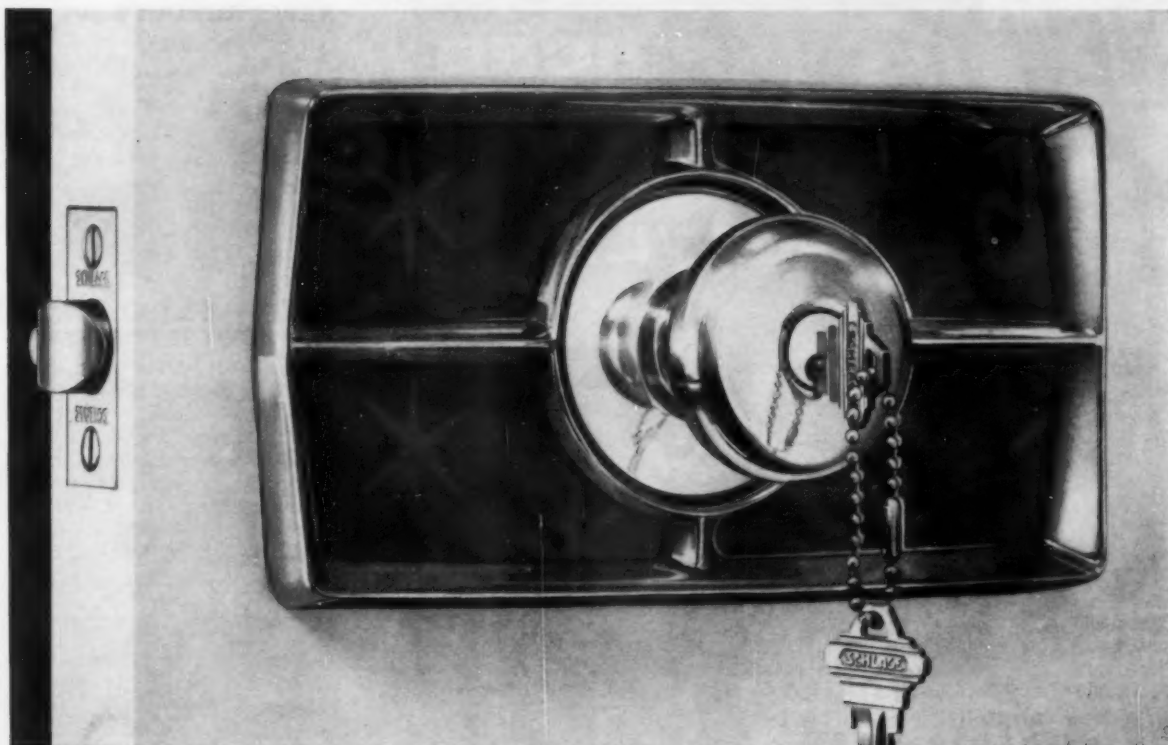
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Hardwood modules can be used to divide, store, or as furniture. Fifteen basic units can be grouped in many decorative, functional arrangements to meet specific needs. Provide maximum storage facilities. I-XL Furniture Co., Dept. AB, 67 W. Division St., Chicago 10, Ill.

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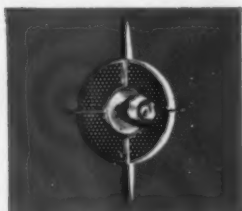


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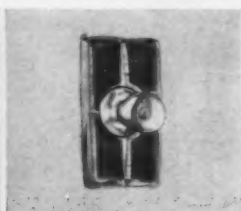
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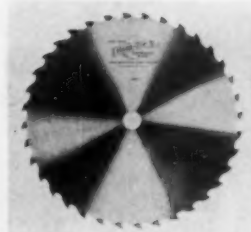


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Step-saving built-in

Builder can easily and simply install new 42" divided top-surface unit with Nutone Food Center using only one cut-out. Combination also serves as a source of power for other appliances. Provides efficient, time-saving work center; is flush-mounted on counter. Tappan Stove Co., Dept. AB, Mansfield, Ohio.

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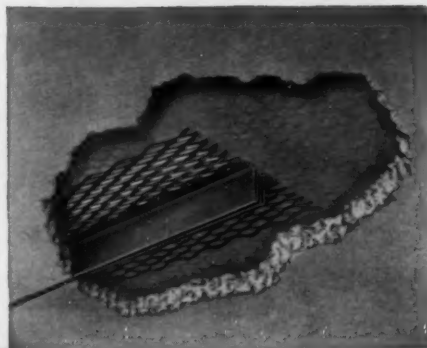
Warehouse is air supported

Air-supported buildings provide low-cost storage space for building materials. Portable warehouse of DuPont-coated fabric is waterproof, air tight, translucent, yet lightweight and strong. Can be easily erected and re-used. Birdair Structures, Dept. AB, 290 Larkin St., Buffalo 10, N.Y.

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Modernizing in stucco?

low-cost expansion joint
helps do the job 3 ways better



Here's a building being prepared for the application of exterior stucco. At this stage, Penmetal Expansion Joint (see arrow) had been applied to left side only.



Finished remodelling job. Arrow points to Expansion Joint in stucco. Decoratively patterned, this aperture breaks the flat wall expanse, enhances the appearance of the building.

LONGER LASTING

Stucco jobs keep their new look longer when the Penmetal Expansion Joint is applied for *anti-crack protection*. A specially designed ground expands and contracts with any movement of stucco. This absorbs internal stresses and strains — greatly reduces the threat of cracking.

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Long-run savings on maintenance justify ten times over the small initial cost of a Penmetal Expansion Joint. What's more, the joint provides a work stop—no improvising, no special-order items. Saves time and labor, too; it's a one-piece joint and ground.

BETTER LOOKING

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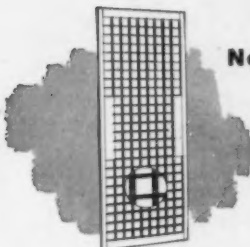
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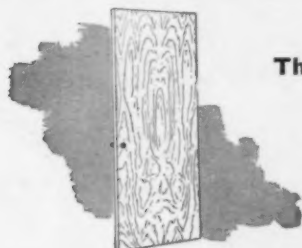
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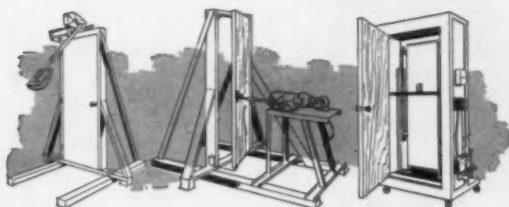
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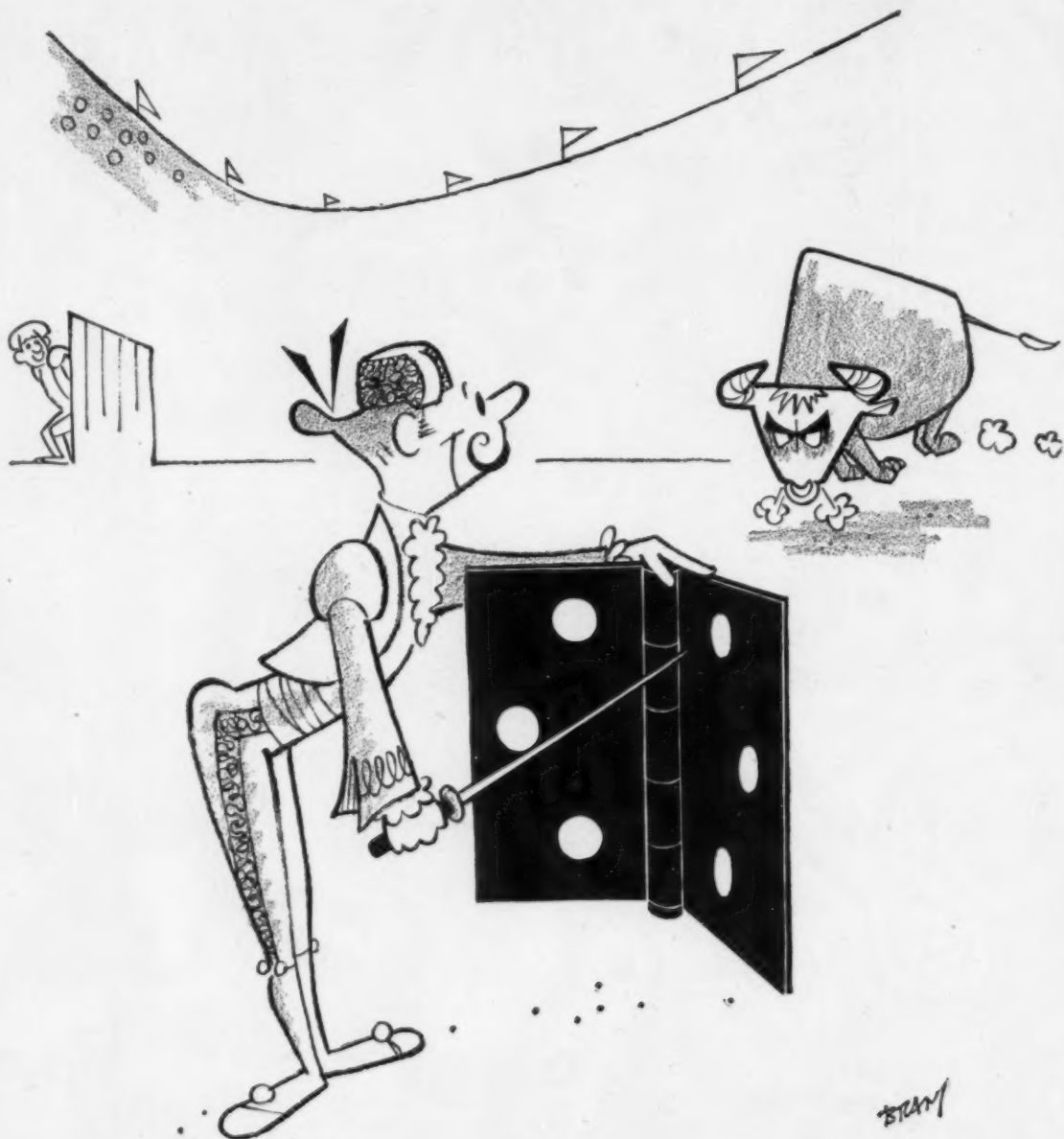
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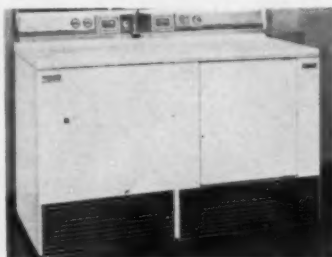
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Paneling fits custom trend

Veneer paneling gives appearance of fine hardwood plus the economy and installation advantages of plywood. V-grooved, random-width "Beauti-Plank" is available in seven different types. Beveled edges allow buttjoint installation. Getz Bros., Dept. AB, 231 Sansome St., San Francisco, Cal.

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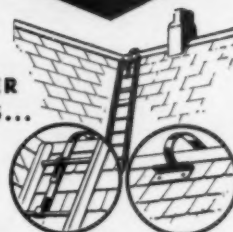
Ceiling tile takes new tack

This staple, "Ceiltile," takes guesswork out of ceiling tile installation. Drives flush, eliminating buckled tiles, gives "hidden-value" to finished ceiling. Specially designed leg for extra holding power. Arrow Fastener Co., Dept., AB, 1 Junius St., Brooklyn 12, N. Y.

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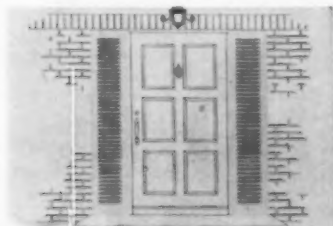
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Charts give wood estimates

Handy Redwood information guides and estimators are available as quick reference wall charts. Chart One gives illustrations of Redwood patterns, dimensions, pattern numbers. Chart Two covers Redwood grades and uses. Simpson Redwood, Dept. AB, 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

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Budget-priced shutters

Slimfold louvered shutters meet the need for a door and window trim which is decorative, long lasting and low priced. Made in one piece, all steel, in ventilated louvered design. Can be painted to match any trim. In all standard sizes. American Steel Door, Dept. AB, 11148 Harper Ave., Detroit 13, Mich.

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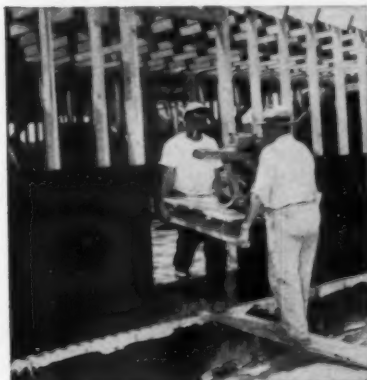
6 DELTA TOOLS SAVE \$12,000

Ken Stowell, home builder in Wichita, Kan., saved \$12,000 in labor costs in a year by pre-cutting house parts in a centrally located shop equipped with: Delta Tilting Arbor Saw, Jointer, Drill Press, Shaper, Band Saw and Scroll Saw. Scrap wood, formerly burned on the job, is utilized in the shop—offering additional savings.



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Support is decorative

Scroll-design support post also adds decorative touch to projecting corner of fireplace. Five different corner post designs are available for multi-sided or conventional fireplaces. Assures proper structural strength. Bennett-Ireland, Dept. AB, 24 Exchange St., Norwich, N.Y.

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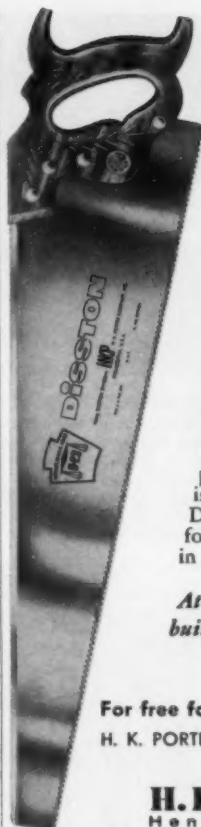
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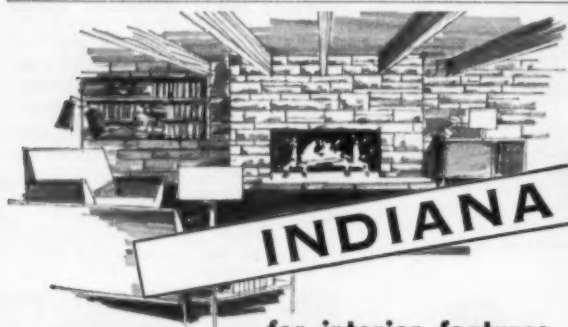


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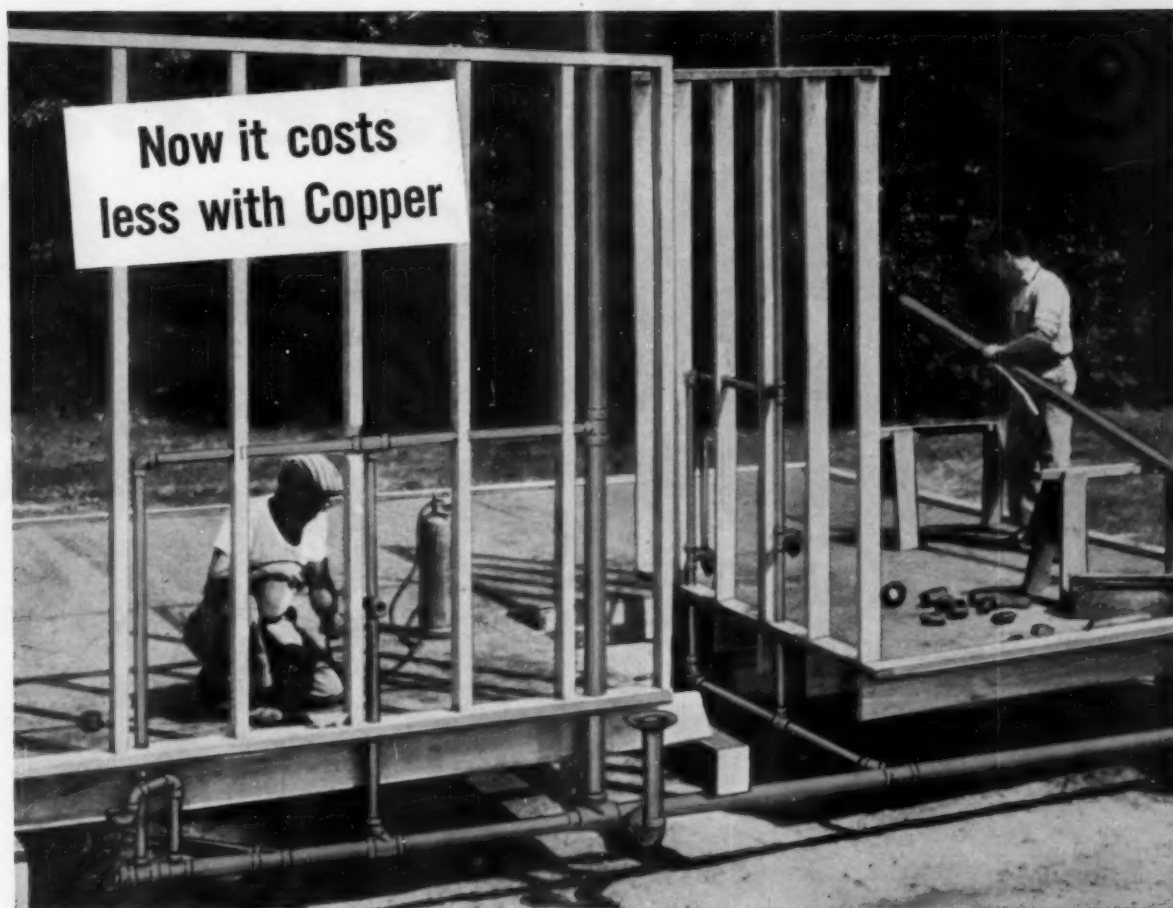
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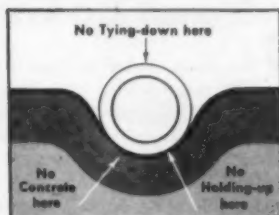
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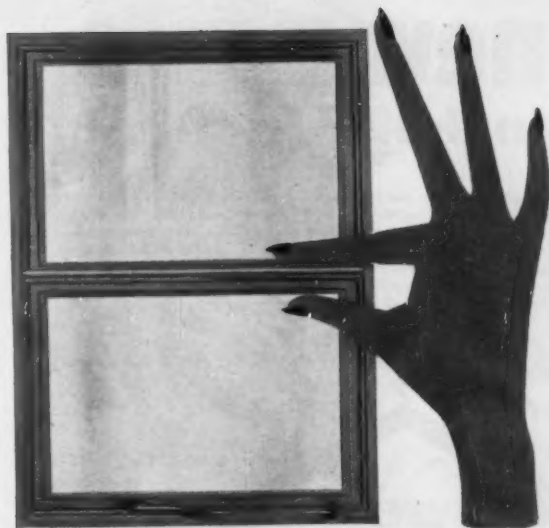
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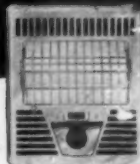
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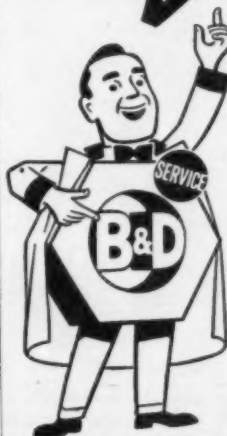
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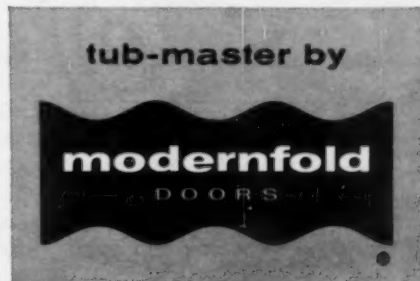
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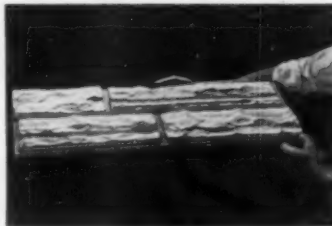
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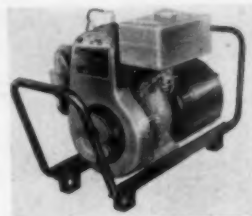
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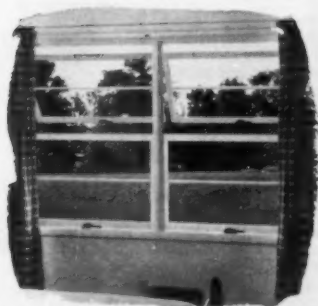


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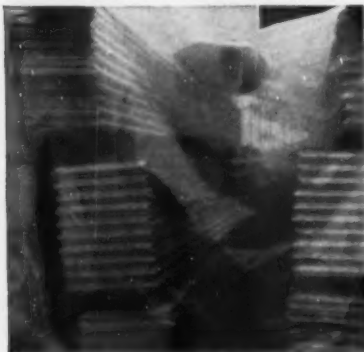
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GUIDE TO WATER SYSTEMS describes three systems: shallow, deep and convertible for specific applications. Contains easily-read charts, specifications on "hidden value" water systems. Information on many pumps. Goulds Pumps, Inc., Dept. AB, 31 Black Brook Rd., Seneca Falls, N.Y.

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THREE-IN-ONE ROOF DECK described in a factual brochure containing properties, allowable loads, heat gain and loss, plus specifications for cedar and spruce deck. Serves as sheathing, insulation, and ceiling. Rilco Laminated Products, Inc., Dept. AB, First Nat'l Bank Bldg., St. Paul 1, Minn.

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TOOLS OF EVERY TYPE are cataloged in a '57 reference book from Mall. Four sections cover chain saws, electric tools, contractor tools, and air tools. Gives specifications, prices; fully illustrated. Mall Tool Co., Dept. AB., 25000 So. Western Ave., Park Forest, Ill.

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"SALES BUILDERS for Home Builders," a complete sales kit, is offered by Crane. Featured is a booklet of 66 useful ideas to help builders attract prospects to model homes, turn prospects into buyers. All sorts of other sales aids. Crane Co., Dept. AB, 835 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

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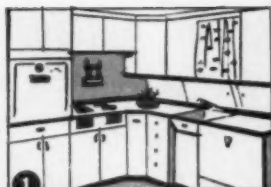
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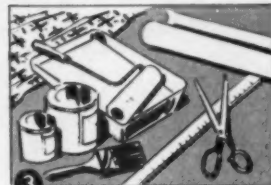


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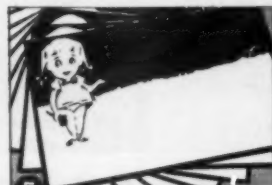
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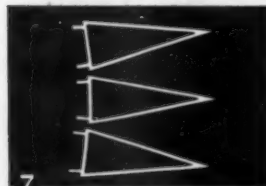
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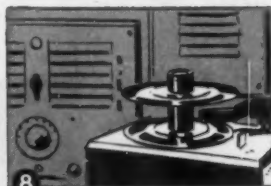
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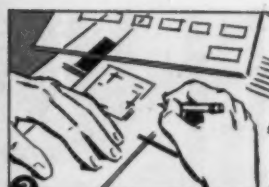
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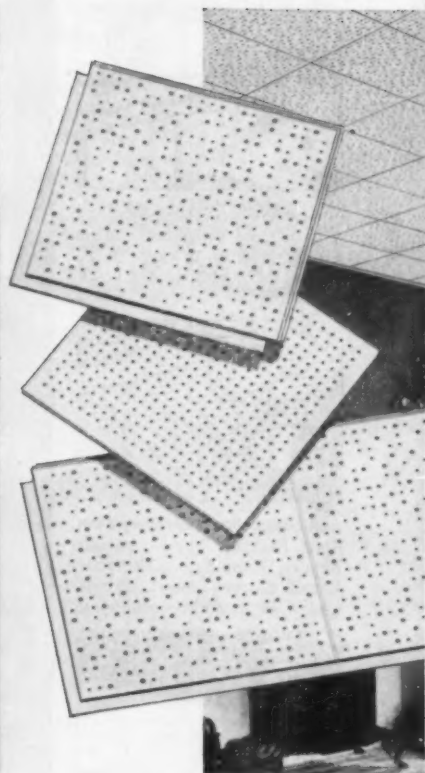
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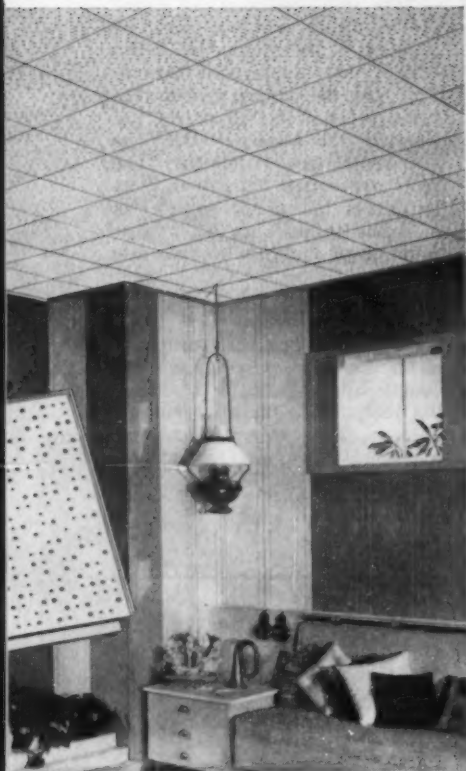
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Meanwhile, with more than 900 houses already sold, Huber has kept up a running public relations program aimed at getting favorable word-of-mouth publicity among earlier buyers now living in the community. One of its most important tools in this program is a publication called, "The Hub."

Some 4,000 copies of the 12-page, pocket-size magazine goes each month to all Huber home owners, along with county and township officials, people who have bought a home but have not yet moved in, barber and beauty shops, doctors' and dentists' offices. Cost, including printing, editing, photography, addressing, and mailing, is about 15¢ a copy.

Contents tell residents what their neighbors are doing, give tips on how to improve their homes, fea-

ture interesting citizens and Huber personnel, and generally contribute to the encouragement of a friendly, informal relationship that tends to make living in Huber Heights an attractive idea.

"The Hub," which is just a year old this month, was even named by residents of the community. When Vol. 1, No. 1 appeared in November 1956 the editors invited residents to name it, offered a \$25 prize for the name accepted. The woman who won thought "The Hub" appropriate not only as short for Huber but as the name of a magazine to serve as the hub of information about the community's activities.

May pay for itself

Advertising has been restricted to an occasional page for Huber's equipment-sales plan for residents. But reception to the magazine has been so good that an advertising schedule is being worked out that will practically pay for its production.

IDEA OF THE MONTH

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nouncements gave details about the subdivision and the houses for sale.

The film is available from NAHB to local associations or individual builder members for \$6. According to Janet C. Dayton, former radio and TV direc-

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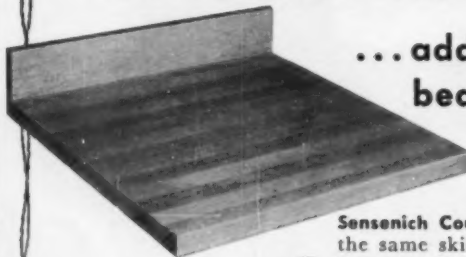
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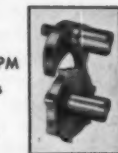
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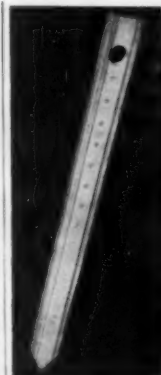


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Should you buy your own

What would you say of a builder who sinks \$30,000 into a big piece of machinery, then lets it sit idle half the time? And suppose he told you he was making money doing it? You'd probably say he was soft in the head.

You'd be wrong, of course. Otherwise this story wouldn't have been written. Bob Schmitt, whose construction techniques we showed you in October's **AMERICAN BUILDER**, owns not only the piece of equipment mentioned, but additional earth-moving machinery—all representing about \$60,000. He says he couldn't maintain efficiency without it.

Schmitt's stable contains the following equipment: a D-7 bulldozer; a TD-6 bulldozer; a 12-yard pan; a 2-yard pan; three tractors, one with backhoe, two with loader, one with rear blade; a grader; and a small trencher. Their replacement cost, as noted, is \$60,000, and their annual maintenance cost is about \$4,000. Now let's do some arithmetic. "Suppose," says Schmitt, "I build 50 houses a year for the next five years. Machinery, including maintenance, costs me \$80,000, or

about \$320 a house. Just having the equipment there when I need it, being able to keep earth work on a controlled schedule, saves more than that. And I can write off the original investment taxwise in five years."

The big dozer and pan, representing an investment of \$31,000, are the best examples. Nothing can start in home building before roadwork and rough grading, and in good weather, earth-moving contractors are hard to find. On a house-a-week schedule, every lost week is more than \$3,000 lost cash; ten such weeks would pay for the big rig, and it's no trick to lose ten weeks a year.

The same line of reasoning applies to any equipment which by its absence when it's needed

A correction: We regret that in our October issue, we incorrectly tagged Bob Schmitt's house at \$27,500. The correct price is a much lower \$22,500.



earth-moving equipment?

can delay a job. Time is money to any builder; anything that keeps a crew working is worth that crew's wages, plus profit and overhead, for the period it would have been idle. And of course the builder who owns his own equipment is not paying a subcontractor's overhead and profit.

Careful maintenance is vital. Schmitt has two men responsible for seeing that all equipment is kept in first-class condition, oiled, greased, etc. Some mechanical failures are, of course, inevitable, but repairs can generally be made in a day or two, and meantime it's almost always possible to make one of the other machines do the work temporarily.

Finally, here's how Schmitt handles the problem of operating the machinery. In the case of the backhoe and the big dozer, there are two men highly skilled in operating each machine. On the other equipment, while there are one or two regular operators, there are up to ten men who can operate in a pinch. When the operators aren't running the machines, they revert to being members of one of the regular house-building crews.



SEWER-LINE TRENCH is as much a part of the house as the studs, must be as closely controlled. If delayed, trench could hold up garage slab, driveway, sidewalk, plumbing.

Here are Bob Schmitt's machines, and



TRACTOR-BACK HOE unit is used for digging all manner of trenches for water lines, sewer lines, etc., runs about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the time. Only digging jobs it doesn't do: foundation trenches (shown on next page) and trenches for gas and sewer mains. Sewer trenches are too wide and deep for this machine, are dug instead by outside contractor who starts early enough to avoid delaying Schmitt. Gas company does its own digging, is very prompt



TWELVE-YARD PAN or scraper is towed by the big bulldozer. It is used to skin off topsoil, move and pile it for future use, and for moving earth from areas where roads and other excavations are cut. It is too big to work in some jobs, such as cutting sidewalks, where water and gas valves are liable to be sticking up, or working in the confined areas around houses. In these cases, a two-yard pan is used, towed by the small dozer.



GRADER is unusual piece of equipment for a builder to own, but Schmitt considers it indispensable. Principal feature is the extreme accuracy it provides, necessary for such grading jobs as putting the crown on roadways. It also is used for jobs like leveling the ground for sidewalks, as shown here, finish grading, or anything else where accurate slopes are needed. In winter it can serve as a snowplow. All of these jobs keep it in use about 30 hours a week.

the work they perform for him



TWO TRACTOR-LOADER units are kept busy all the time. Schmitt stores sand, block, tile, etc., in central piles rather than at each house; the tractors shuttle back and forth from pile to job with what's needed. In addition, loaders are used to lift roofing to roof level, lift gable ends into place, etc. Rear blade on one tractor is used for all sorts of light levelling.

"Someone's always fighting for a tractor," says Schmitt. "We need another one, really."



BIGGEST INVESTMENT is the D-7 bulldozer which, with the large pan, cost Schmitt about \$31,000. In addition to price, it requires the most maintenance, is the most difficult of the machines to learn to run efficiently. On the other hand, it can do an enormous amount of heavy work, particularly road work, that a smaller bulldozer could not handle efficiently. Where this big machine can't get in, it turns the work over to its little brother.



MOST SPECIALIZED of all Schmitt's equipment is this small trencher. It runs perhaps ten hours a week, is used for water or gas lines, but mostly for foundation trenching, where it more than earns its keep. It cuts a much more accurate trench than the back hoe, and one with perfectly straight walls. This means less waste when the concrete is poured, and the resultant saving can be as much as two yards of concrete, or \$30-\$40 a house.



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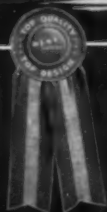
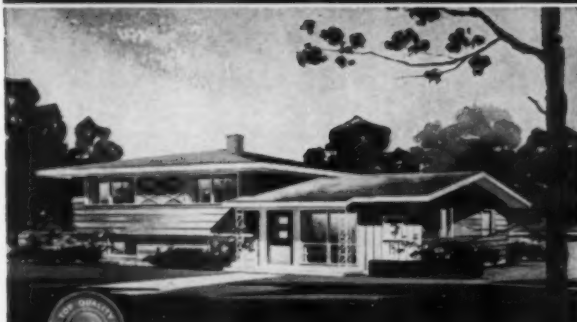
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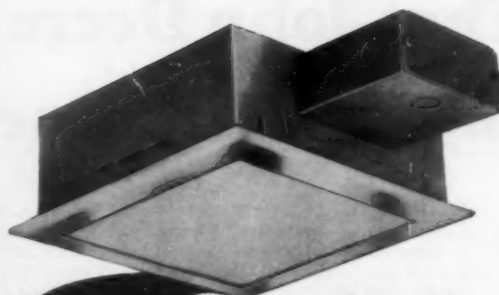
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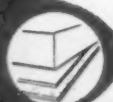
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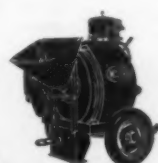
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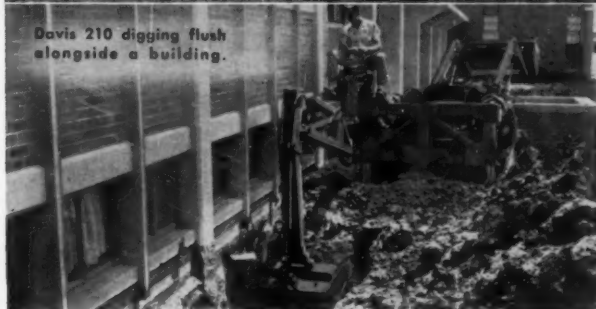
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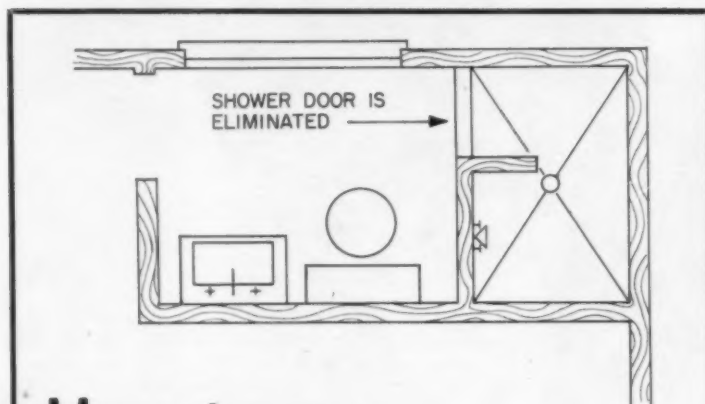
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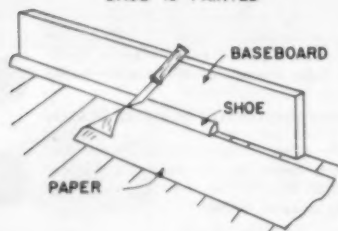
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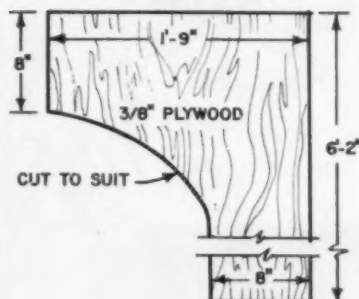
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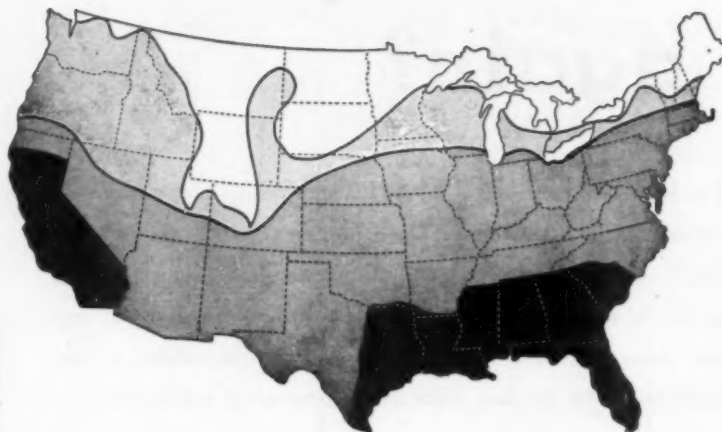
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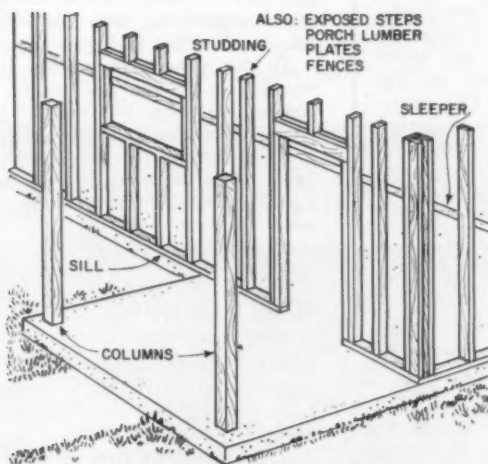


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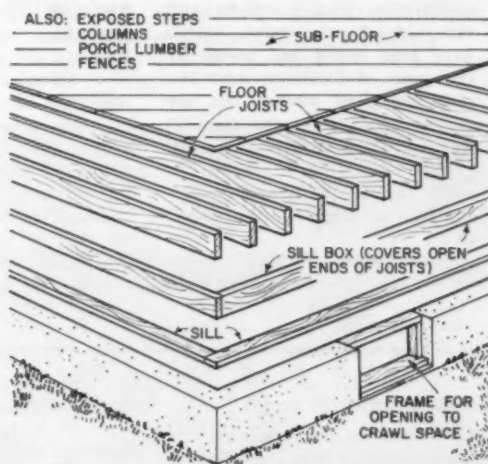
ging lines of today's contemporary slab- and crawl-space houses. Above "horror photos" show result of wood-destroying decay on an old and new house.

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SLAB OR GRADE TYPE HOUSE

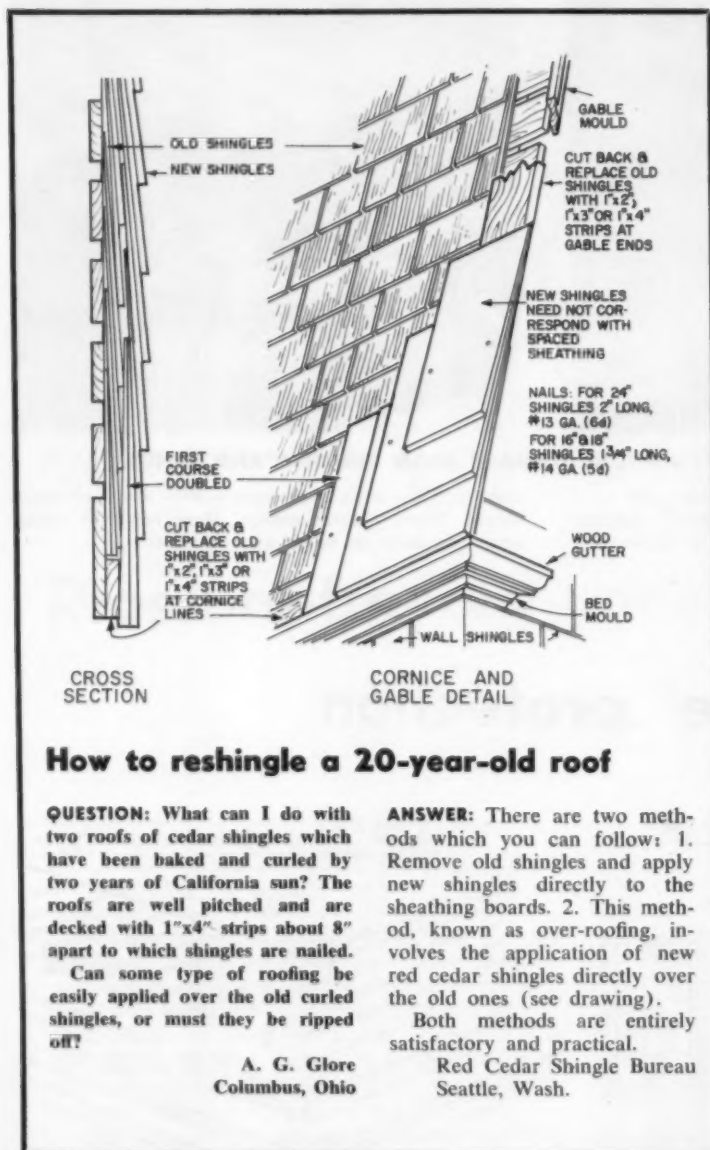
DRAWINGS SHOW how to build the slab, crawl space and basement house with pressure-treated lumber in the heavy to moderate incidence areas (map, dark gray). In areas of very heavy incidence (map, black), as well as in



CRAWL SPACE OR BASEMENT TYPE HOUSE

the dry-wood flying termite sections, all of the lumber in the frame house should be pressure treated. Termite shields and building paper have proven ineffective in stopping subterranean termites and decay.

Ask the experts...



How to reshingle a 20-year-old roof

QUESTION: What can I do with two roofs of cedar shingles which have been baked and curled by two years of California sun? The roofs are well pitched and are decked with 1"x4" strips about 8" apart to which shingles are nailed. Can some type of roofing be easily applied over the old curled shingles, or must they be ripped off?

A. G. Glore
Columbus, Ohio

ANSWER: There are two methods which you can follow: 1. Remove old shingles and apply new shingles directly to the sheathing boards. 2. This method, known as over-roofing, involves the application of new red cedar shingles directly over the old ones (see drawing).

Both methods are entirely satisfactory and practical.

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Rafter insulation sags

QUESTION: What can I do to prevent the insulation in an attic storage space from sagging?

Victor E. Costales
Bound Brook, N. J.

ANSWER: The best answer to your request to prevent sagging in rafter

installation would be to apply some type of surface covering such as gypsum board, plywood, or fibre-board. This is needed to protect any insulation that is installed, particularly if you plan to use the attic for storage purposes to keep the insulation from damage and undo sag.

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How many coats of paint on dry-wall?

QUESTION: How many coats of paint would you use to finish a plaster-board wall?

Stanley D. Hodgkins
Auburn, Maine

ANSWER: We believe that your best choice would be to give the wall a good primer, and then a two-coat finish.

Has anyone developed light steel trusses?

QUESTION: Could you please tell me where design data and material requirements for steel truss floor joists could be found? They would be for small home building spans of 24, 26, 28, and 30 ft. Has anyone developed light steel roof trusses yet?

I thought perhaps some University had done research on them like the Small Homes Council at the University of Illinois did with wood roof trusses.

James F. Gibbs
Albion, N. Y.

ANSWER: The best source of information on steel truss floor joists can be found in the '57 edition of the Steel Joist Construction catalog available thru the Steel Joist Institute, Washington, D. C.

To our knowledge no one has worked up in the "A" frame a comparable design of trusses in increments of one foot such as has been developed for the joists. If steel trusses are used they are designed by individual engineers for particular jobs.

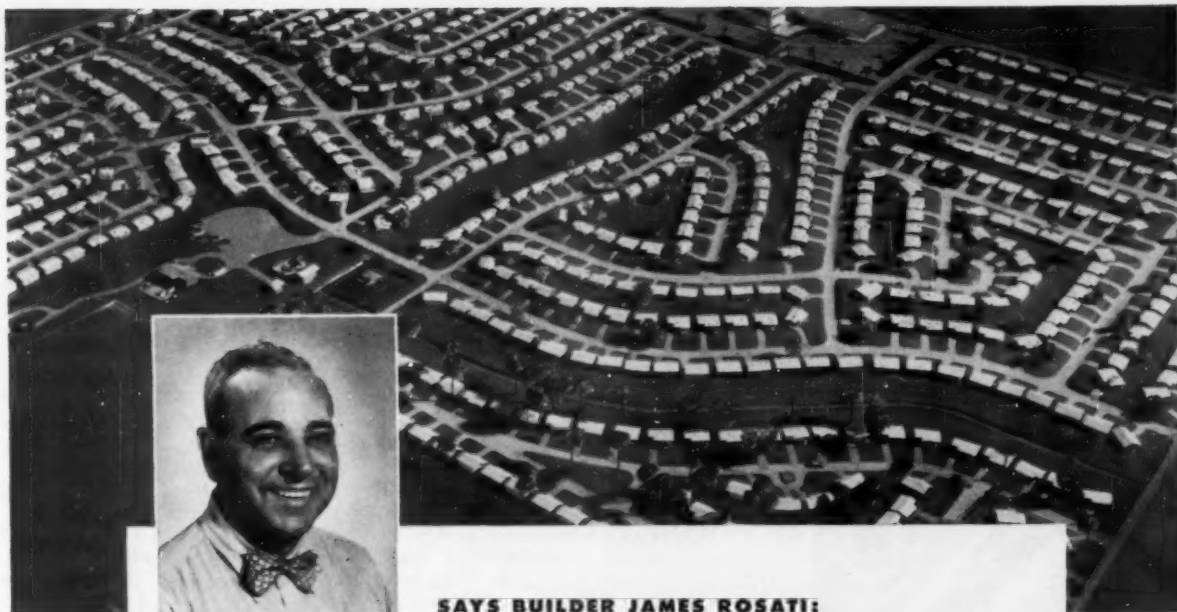
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Which floor joist system is stronger?

QUESTION: Can you tell me which is stronger: 2 x 8's on 24" centers or 2 x 6's on 16" centers? How much stronger?

William Krawiecki
Bridgeport, Conn.

ANSWER: Generally speaking, you'll find that 2 x 8's on 24" centers will support more load than 2 x 6's. They are in fact 11% stronger.



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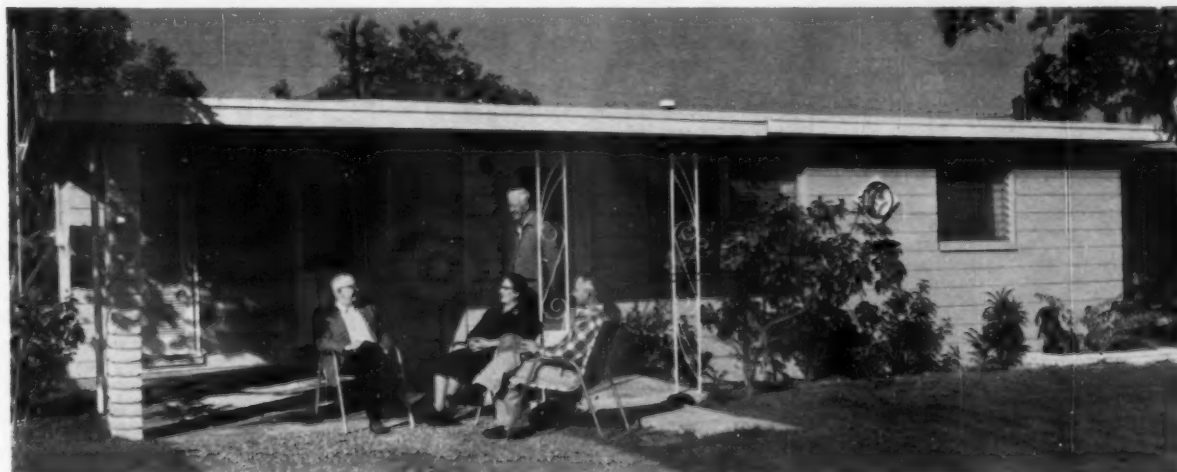
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KEEPING UP WITH THE LAW

Urban rehabilitation raises question of retroactive legislation

By JOHN F. MCCARTHY
Attorney-at-law



Urban rehabilitation or renewal often requires the enactment of new city ordinances, as well as the vigorous enforcement of existing laws and regulations. These new ordinances sometimes are aimed at the correction of existing conditions. They may require a property to be changed by its owner when that property previously complied with all laws in effect. Thus, there arises the question of whether, and to what extent, a city may legislate retroactively.

An analogous situation, of some assistance in the consideration of this problem, was before the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois recently in the case of *Abbate Bros. Inc. et al v. City of Chicago*, 142 N.E. 2d 691. There the Court held that a city might legislate retroactively if the public welfare demanded it, and the property owners affected did not suffer unreasonable exactions when contrasted with the public benefits which resulted.

In that case there were 111 plaintiffs who owned 141 buildings that comprised the South Water Produce Market District in Chicago. Each building had been built approximately 30 years previously, was 3 stories in height and contained an electric power freight elevator. The evidence showed that these elevators might be operated whether the elevator doors were opened or closed.

These elevators were maintained in good operating condition. Very few accidents had occurred since their installation some 30 years previously. They complied with all ordinances in effect until July 1952. At that time, the applicable ordinances were amended to require interlocking devices so that elevators no longer might be operated unless all doors were closed.

The plaintiffs challenged the amendment to the city's ordinances

passed in July of 1952. They contended that the city could not legislate retroactively, and require them to make changes in their elevators which theretofore had complied with all applicable laws and regulations. The Illinois Supreme Court, however, held to the contrary.

In sustaining the amendment to the ordinances in question, the Illinois Supreme Court held that a city might legislate retroactively if the public welfare demanded it, and if the property owners affected were not subjected to expenditures which were unreasonable when contrasted with the public benefits which resulted. The Court observed that in such matters the city council would be given a wide discretion to decide what means should be employed to promote public safety. The Court said:

"Although appellees (plaintiffs) have alleged their elevators are 'consistent with the highest standards of health and safety,' and have proved compliance with past ordinances, as well as a comparatively low death and accident rate, such factors are no bar to the exercise of the police power granted to the city, nor do they render a requirement for new safety devices oppressive and unreasonable. Based upon advances in engineering, and no doubt upon experience gained during the thirty years appellees' elevators have been in operation, the city has determined that the greatest protection to human life is to be realized by door interlocks which will prevent the operation of elevators unless hatchway gates are closed, and permit the gates to open only when the elevator car is at the gate level. In requiring all power elevators to be so equipped the city has done no more than to exercise its continuing power to make regulations needful to the common good and general welfare, subject to which all property is held."

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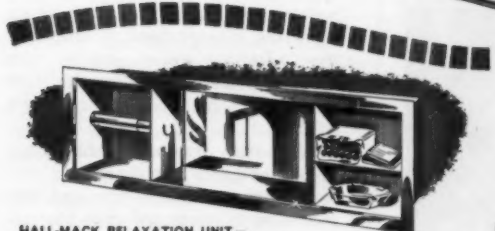
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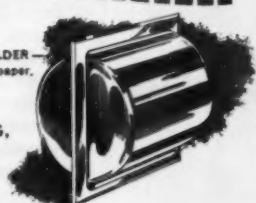


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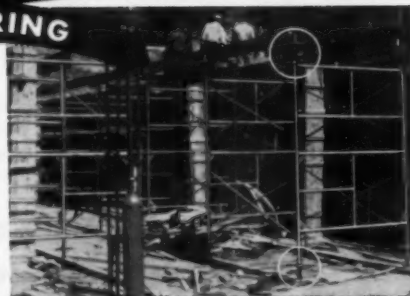
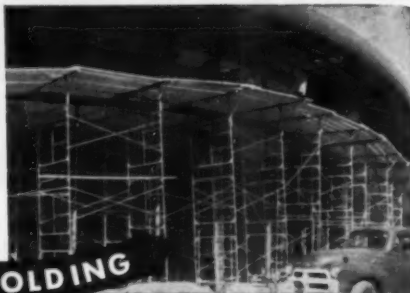
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COST CONTROL

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was no previous balance, and on Apr. 23 an invoice was received from vendor 67 (a surveyor). The invoice number is 3305, the main category is General Expense, the sub-heading is surveying, and the amount (and balance) is \$6.46.

To know how much he has spent to date in each category on a given house, the builder merely looks at the last balance figure; to know the total for the whole house, he adds the balances of all the cards on that job. Once the house is finished, all charges are transferred to the cost-summary sheet as a permanent record, and the construction-in-progress ledger can be discontinued.

Vendor cards are set up for each supplier or sub-contractor, and show the amount and number of each invoice from that vendor, and the total paid or owing him to date. The card in the lower right-hand corner of the last illustration is a vendor's card.

Combined-invoice register and job-cost journal is shown in the last illustration. It is made up of the exact same entries as the construction-in-progress ledger on the left, and the vendor's cards on the right, and it is posted at the same time as these cards. The two sides must balance each other, giving the bookkeeper a means of checking.

Purchase orders are not an integral part of this system, but are a big help in checking invoices. Nothing can be bought without a purchase order, and all vendors must put this number on their invoices. The builder can then check from the invoice back to the original purchase order and be sure that he is being billed for the right amount of material at the right price.

As noted previously, the small-volume builder can keep this system up to date with pen and ink. But if he plans to increase his volume, he would be well advised to follow the example of Milam & Milam, the accountants who set up Boyd-Jackson's system. Originally posted by hand, it was planned so that when it got complex (not so much from higher volume, says Ed Jackson, as from the increased variety in the designs they built) it could be adapted to a machine operation with no procedural changes.

DICKERMAN'S COLUMN

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to more than \$160 billion and the character of their loan portfolios has changed substantially. Originally the loans were predominantly in the form of short-term credits. Over the years there has been a shift to longer term loans by commercial banks with consumer loans, home mortgages and longer term business loans (one to five years) now accounting for half of all bank loans. Since the Federal Reserve Bank has direct responsibility in the commercial banking field this obviously means that the FRB has more influence on longer term credit than it had initially.

Other Institutions: The rapid growth of types of financing institutions other than commercial banks has had a profound impact on the nation's credit structure. The assets of life insurance companies, savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks and pension funds now are equal to, if they do not exceed, those of the commercial banks. These savings institutions are the primary source of long-term funds, both for home mortgages and other capital market demands. As noted earlier, the Federal Reserve has no direct control over these institutions, but they are affected by its decisions and operations.

Home building hard-hit

The anomaly of our current situation is apparent. Machinery geared originally to the monetary and credit conditions existing in the early 1900's, even with subsequent alterations, is creaking loudly in the present-day financial climate. This is particularly true with regard to the individualistic requirements of the home-building industry which has taken a severe buffeting in the so-called "fight against inflation" while its competitors for dollars have been relatively unscathed.

The situation suggests the need for a facility geared to the financing needs of residential home construction. A proposal for such a facility will be discussed next month in the concluding column of this series.

Next month, Mr. Dickerman discusses why a new facility, such as a Central Mortgage Bank, is necessary; how it would work in relationship to other areas of investment; and how it would channel money into home mortgages.

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Bath Walls	Ceramic	104 sq. ft.
Lavatory Walls	Ceramic	72 sq. ft.
Lavatory Floors	Ceramic	25 sq. ft.
Kitchen Wall Tile	Ceramic	48 sq. ft.

BRICKWORK

Location	Description	Amount
Walls	4" Veneer	940 sq. ft.
Chimney & Fireplace	Brick	220 cu. ft.
Flue Lining	12" x 8"	18 lin. ft.

DRYWALL

Location	Amount
Walls	approx. 3,600 sq. ft.
Ceilings	" 1,636 sq. ft.
Garage Walls	" 520 sq. ft.
Garage Ceilings	" 440 sq. ft.

FRAMING LUMBER

Location	Size	Pieces	Lin. Ft.	S.F.M.
Sill	2 x 6	—	200	200
Floor Beams Front	2 x 10	28/14	332	875
Floor Beams Rear Right	2 x 10	48/12	576	960
Floor Beams Rear Left	2 x 10	18/14	252	420
Box Header	2 x 10	—	120	200
Ceiling Joists Rear	2 x 10	50/22	1,100	1,834
Ceiling Joists Front Left	2 x 6	19/12	228	228
Ceiling Joists Front Right	2 x 8	19/14	266	355
Bridging	1 x 3	—	74	30
Rafters	2 x 8	100/14	1,400	1,867
Ridge Board	2 x 10	—	70	117
Rafters	2 x 8	48/16	768	1,024
Ridge Board	2 x 10	—	40	67
Collar Beams	2 x 4	50/12	600	400
Bath Studs	2 x 6	10/8	80	80
Bath Plates	(3) 2 x 6	—	60	30
Studs	2 x 4	540/8	4,320	2,880
Plates	(13) 2 x 4	—	1,290	860
Garage Door Header	(2) 2 x 12	2/18	36	72
Window Headers	(2) 2 x 10	2/10	20	34
Window Headers	(2) 2 x 8	8/8	64	86
Covered Walk Rafters	2 x 6	16/8	128	128
Posts	4 x 4	—	40	54
Covered Walk Header	(2) 2 x 8	—	40	54
Covered Walk Ceiling Joists	2 x 6	16/8	128	128

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Location	Description	Actual	Actual +10%
Sub Floor	1 x 4 S4S or Plywood	1,636 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.
Finish Floor	Wood	1,400 sq. ft.	1,540 sq. ft.
Roof Sheathing	1 x 6 T&G or Plywood	2,776 sq. ft.	3,054 sq. ft.
Roofing	210# Asphalt	2,776 sq. ft.	3,054 sq. ft.
Siding	Wood	500 sq. ft.	550 sq. ft.
Sheathing	1 x 6 T&G or Plywood	2,260 sq. ft.	2,486 sq. ft.
Wall Insulation	2" Batts	1,700 sq. ft.	1,870 sq. ft.
Ceiling Insulation	2" Batts	1,636 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.
Kitchen	VP, Plywood	170 sq. ft.	187 sq. ft.
Kitchen	Tile or Linoleum	170 sq. ft.	187 sq. ft.
Leaders	Metal	150 lin. ft.	165 lin. ft.
Gutters	Metal	60 lin. ft.	66 lin. ft.
Araways	Metal	3 pieces	3 pieces

Note: The waste factor is determined by the type of material used and the method of installation.

MILLWORK

Exterior Trim Location	Description	Amount
Louvers	Wood	3 pieces
Fascia	1 x 6	240 lin. ft.
Frieze	1 x 8	150 lin. ft.
Returns	Wood	6 pieces
Soffit	Wood	400 sq. ft.
Capula	Wood	1 piece
Shutters	Wood	6 pieces

Interior Trim Location	Description	Amount
Base	1 x 4	450 lin. ft.
Cl. Pole	1 1/2" Diam.	25 lin. ft.
Pole Sockets	Wood	5 pair
Chairs	1 x 3	30 lin. ft.
Hook Strip	1 x 4	50 lin. ft.
Shelving	1 x 12	120 lin. ft.
Stairs	12 Risers	1 set
Paneling	Wood	350 sq. ft.

DOOR SCHEDULE

Exterior Doors Size	Description	Amount
15'0" x 7'0" x 1 1/2"	16 Panel 4 Lite O.H.	1
3'0" x 6'8" x 1 1/2"	8 Lite Flush	1
2'8" x 6'8" x 1 1/2"	6 Panel	1
2'8" x 6'8" x 1 1/2"	3 Panel Lite	1
Interior Doors		
2'8" x 6'8" x 1 1/2"	Flush H.C.	2
2'6" x 6'8" x 1 1/2"		4
2'4" x 6'8" x 1 1/2"		3
1'10" x 6'8" x 1 1/2"		1

Sliding Doors

4'0" x 7'0"	Aluminum, Glass	2
2'0" x 6'8"	4
		Total 20

Note: All doors are to be ordered complete from the schedule to include doors, frames, sashes, casing, stops, etc.

WINDOW SCHEDULE

Size	Description	Amount
3'6" x 3'6"	Wood Push Out	5
2'0" x 3'0"	" " " "	2
3'6" x 3'0"	" " " "	1
7'0" x 4'0"	Wood Casement	3
(3'6" x 3'0")	Gang of 2	1
2'8" x 1'6"	Cellar Sash	3
		Total 15

Aprons	1 x 6	75 lin. ft.
Stools	1 x 8	75 lin. ft.

Note: All windows are to be ordered from the schedule in gangs as specified to include sash, frames, trim, casings, mullions, etc.

KITCHEN CABINETS

Location	Size	Amount
Range Counter	4'6" x 3'0" x 2'0"	1
Range Hanger	1'6" x 2'6" x 1'0"	1
Range Hanger	1'0" x 2'6" x 1'0"	1
Sink Counter	3'6" x 3'0" x 2'0"	1
Hanger	2'0" x 2'6" x 1'0"	2
Hanger	2'0" x 1'6" x 1'0"	1
Double End Counter	3'3" x 3'0" x 2'0"	1
Hanger	1'0" x 2'6" x 1'0"	1
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Note: All counters are to be ordered complete with plastic-laminated top and back splash.

Material breakdown prepared by Joseph Steinberg, professor, and Martin Stempel, associate professor, Construction Technology Dept., New York City Community College.

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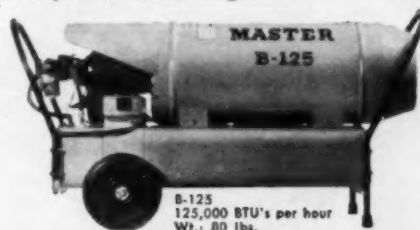
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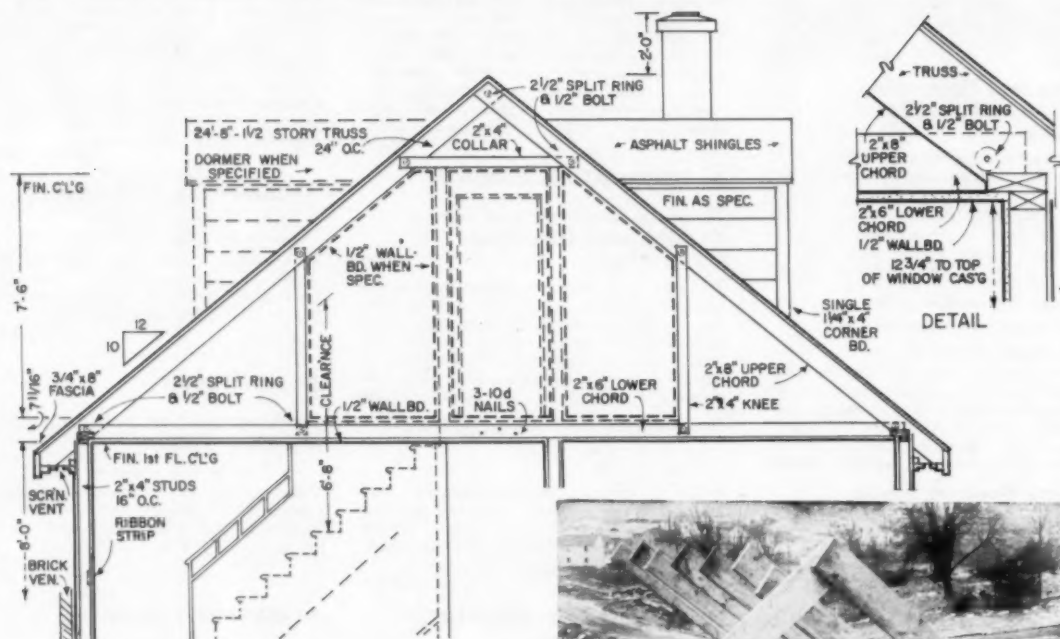
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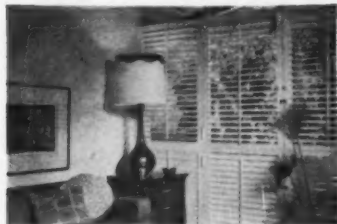
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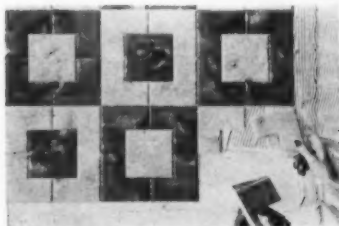
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The Month Ahead

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Next month—the prizewinners!

In this issue we've brought you a lot of parts, pieces and ideas from the National Home Week programs all over the country. In December, we're going to take the cream off the top and show you the prizewinners from the AMERICAN BUILDER Best Model Home contest. From a purely practical point of view, these winners are very important to you.

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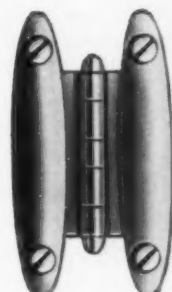


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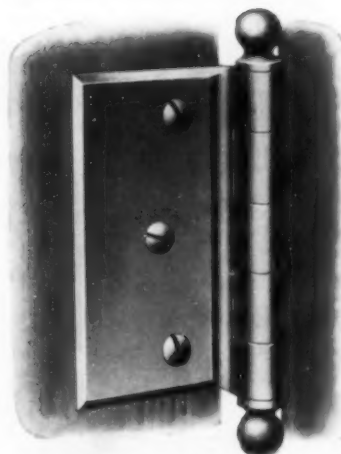
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Illustrated below are the new No. 451 Ball-Tip Half Surface Hinge and the No. 453 Button-Tip Half Surface Hinge. These hinges are made especially for hollow core door construction. Screw holes on the leaf are so placed to adequately serve a door where the stile is as narrow as 1 1/8 inch.

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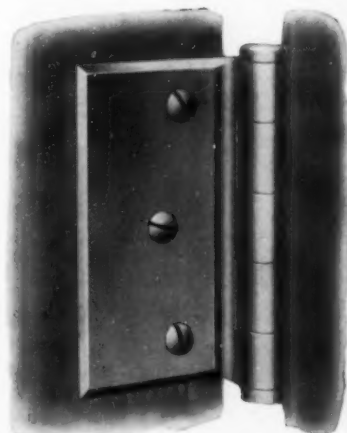
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No. 451 Half Surface Hinge



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